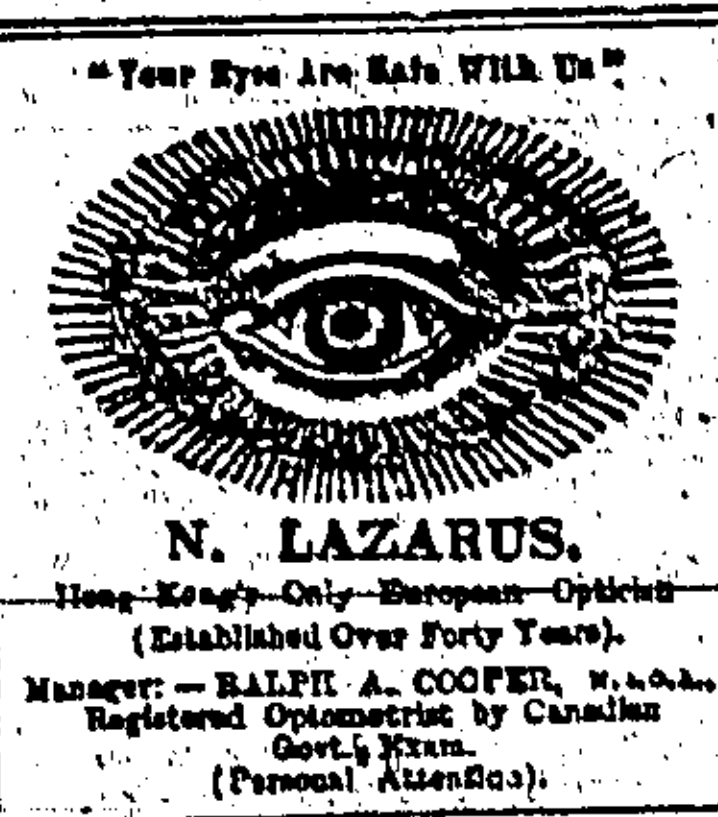


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Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yau Ma Tei ...Dep.	8.49	—	9.50	10.07	12.07	1.23	—	4.43	5.53
Shatin ...Dep.	7.15	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	4.54	6.03
Tai Po ...Dep.	7.49	—	9.42	10.32	12.32	1.47	—	5.07	6.15
Tai Po Market ...Dep.	7.20	—	9.33	10.28	12.35	1.21	—	5.11	6.19
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	—	10.06	10.46	12.46	2.01	—	5.31	6.39
Shan Shui ...Dep.	7.43	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.05	—	5.35	6.43
Sham Chun ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.19	10.57	12.57	2.19	2.55	5.39	6.41
Canton ...Arr.	—	11.50	5.38	—	—	6.03	—	—	—
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Canton ...Dep.	—	—	—	8.05	—	—	—	—	3.29
Sham Chun ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.34	11.09	1.37	2.08	4.41	5.49	6.24
Shan Shui ...Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	1.44	3.05	4.48	5.55	—
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.46	—	1.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—
Tai Po ...Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.56	—	1.50	3.21	5.03	6.10	—
Tai Po Market ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	1.50	3.26	5.07	6.13	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.18	—	1.52	3.29	5.10	6.25	—
Yau Ma Tei ...Dep.	8.11	8.66	11.25	—	1.51	3.31	5.32	6.35	—
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.04	11.31	11.49	1.57	3.57	5.58	6.46	7.04

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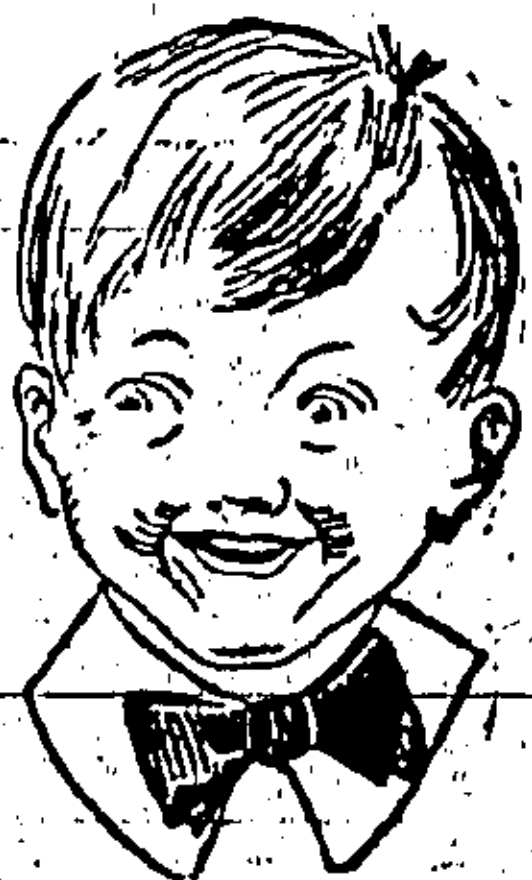
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SHANGHAI BROADCASTS AGAIN.

CHINA BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION AND
FAR EASTERN ENTHUSIASTS.

COMMENCEMENT OF NEW SERVICE.

SHANGHAI, February 2nd.
The China Broadcasting Association, an organization of the radio enthusiasts with headquarters in Shanghai, but whose members are enrolled from all parts of China, Japan, and elsewhere, broadcasted its first programme last evening, beginning with the Chimes of the Customs clock, at 9 o'clock.

Artists gathered in the studio of the Kellogg Switchboard Co., which had been placed at the disposal of the C.B.A., through the courtesy of Mr. Roy De Lay, the whole programme being rendered without impediment. Promptly as the clock ceased chiming, Mr. A. W. Burkill appeared before the microphone, and outlined the purposes and aspirations of the Association to all listeners-in, which we are informed, were at their receiving sets in cities as widely separated as Mukden and Manila. Japanese radio fans are understood to have prepared for the concert, while it is expected that congratulatory expressions from the interior of China soon will reach Shanghai.

From the Kellogg Studio the songs were telephoned to the aerials on Route Ferguson, and then placed on the air. The words were not out of the speaker's mouth, before they had returned to the reception room a few yards distant from the microphone. To those who heard Mr. Burkill and the loud speaker, every syllable synchronized in the two rooms.

Mr. Murray Davies, the first to sing, had a splendid selection of songs, his rendering of each being received with acclaim by members of the executive committee and others interested who had gathered in the reception room. His selections follow:—

"When a Maiden Takes your Fancy" from "Il Seraglio," Mozart.
"I Know a Bank," Martin Shaw.
"Isobel," Frank Bridge.
"Ah, didn't it rain," Negro Spiritual; arranged by H. T. Burleigh.

The Association's Aims.
The aims of the Association are outlined in part from Mr. Burkill's address, as follows:—

Interest in broadcasting aroused the hope that the foreign community here would take a real interest in broadcasting of foreign programmes if there were some concrete body to take charge and arrange for same. Thanks to the work done by a few public-spirited gentlemen, the China Broadcasting Association came into being and to-night we are inaugurating what, I hope, will be a permanent association. This Association, however, cannot carry on its work without the loyal support of all those who are interested in

broadcasting and I regret that the financial support hitherto given is not in proportion to the volume of indignation that was expressed when broadcasting of foreign programmes ceased, and I take this opportunity to ask all those who are interested in broadcasting to support the Association, as without financial support, the work cannot be carried on.

The Daily Programme.

The basis of the programmes to be presented daily and the times of transmission are:—1 p.m. to 1.45 p.m., news and market reports followed by a brief musical programme. This broadcast is primarily intended for the benefit of outport subscribers. From 7 p.m. to 7.45 p.m., will be broadcast news with music or a short address and from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. the principal programme will be provided from such sources as the Municipal Orchestra, vocal and instrumental solos. Holy Trinity Cathedral organ, the Majestic Hotel Orchestra, lectures and properly selected and balanced record music. Sunday has been well cared for in arranging for the broadcast of services from the Cathedral, the Union and the Community Churches, as well as music and addresses of an appropriate nature.

While speaking of programmes, I have been asked by the Executive Committee to say that but for the strenuous demands for an immediate commencement, they would have preferred to have delayed for a week or so in order that their plans and arrangements might be in better order. As it is, they ask for tolerance and that members shall keep well in mind that the work of the organization and of building up programmes is being handled at present by those who already have more than enough to keep them busy. As time passes, machinery will be created to handle such matters, but at the outset a measure of disappointment and mishap is inevitable.

Suggestions Welcomed.

Constructive suggestions and criticisms will be welcome and the members of the Executive Committee will be only too pleased to listen to suggestions for the improvement of the programme or the service.

Before concluding, I again make an appeal to all listeners-in. The China Broadcasting Association is giving effect to its aims in the absence of adequate support in the confident hope that the result will ensure the co-operation of all those who have to date withheld their support. If that confidence is misplaced and further funds are not available, the effort will be short-lived and foreign radio broadcast will pass away without hope of revival. —Yurth-Chin Daily News.

NANKING POLITICIANS AT MANILA.

WARM WELCOME BY LOCAL CHINESE.
VERY OPTIMISTIC VIEWS EXPRESSED.

MANILA, Jan. 28th.
Chinese characters, Chinese colors, Chinese boy scouts, Chinese music and a large Chinese delegation featured this morning's reception accorded Dr. C. C. Wu, and Dr. Sun Fo. The reception took place immediately after the President Wilson, Dollar round-the-world ship, docked shortly after 1 o'clock this morning.

Predict Peking's Fall.
Dr. Wu and Dr. Sun, both of whom speak fluent English, when interviewed for the press, denied that there was any serious split between the Nanking and Canton factions of the Nationalist or Southern government of China. They declared both factions are for an early unification of the republic and predicted the fall of Peking, within four months.

The three distinguished Chinese visitors were much impressed by the enthusiastic welcome given them by their countrymen and those who espouse their cause in the present civil war of China. They expressed delight that the Chinese in the Philippines are a factor for good and voiced the hope that the cordial relationships existing between them and the Philippines and the cosmopolitan community in the islands will continue and be enhanced each year.

Mr. Hu who spoke through an interpreter said that the nation (Continued on next column.)

KU KLUX KLAN.

EXTREME SECRECY ABANDONED.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA,

January 28th.
Dr. W. Hotlan, Imperial Lecturer of the Ku Klux Klan, to-day confirmed a report that the organization will hereafter go absolutely unmasked and that full publicity will be given to its membership lists.

The white robe and helmet will remain, however, as the official garb of the Order, Dr. Hotlan said. This decision is understood to have resulted from a growing tide of resentment against the secrecy and alleged terroristic methods of the organization. Many floggings and lynchings have been attributed to Klansmen, and while Klan officials have always denied that their Order was in any way involved in illegal practices, the admittedly secret nature of membership and procedure made this contention difficult to uphold.

Alists are now hopeful of success with the return of General Chiang Kai Shek to the general command of the southern army.

A Reception.

Dr. Wu, Dr. Sun and Mr. Hu will be the convention speakers at the University of the Philippines at 4 o'clock this afternoon. In the evening there will be a general reception prepared in their honor by their Chinese adherents in Manila at the Oriental Club on Calle Pennsylvania. During the morning they went on a sight-seeing tour around Manila and visited several Chinese institutions. They are stopping at the Manila Hotel. —Manila Times.



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'Scotch?' echoed the Clever One in the Bar, 'surely you know you should say 'Scottish'.'

'You try asking for 'A Scottish and Soda' and see what happens!' said the Plain One.

'You're both wrong' volunteered the Third One 'you should say 'Scots'.'

'It's all the same anyway' said the Plain One.

'Precisely' murmured the Old One, 'which is why you're all wrong—you should ask for Four Sandy Macs, please.'

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Peak Tram (old)\$14 nom.
Do. (new)\$34 nom.
Star Series\$97 buy.
China Lights (comb.)\$125 buy.
Do. (old)\$12 buy.
Do. (new)\$94 buy.
H.K. Electric\$74 sel, 731/73 sa.
Macao Electric\$44 buy.
Telephones\$455 nom.
China Buses\$15 64 nom.
Singapore Tractors\$11/8 nom.
China Sugars\$34 buy.
Malabar Sugars\$247 nom.
Canton Loan\$34 buy.
Cementa (combined)\$1140 buy.
Do. (old)\$1185 sel.
Do. (new)\$10 nom.
H.K. Buses (old)\$44 buy, 10 sel & sa.
Do. (new)\$34 buy.
United Asbestos\$10 sel.
Dairy Farms\$20 buy, 201 sel.
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Lans Crawfords\$310 sel.

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COMPANY NOW "ON ITS OWN."

Presiding over the general ordinary meeting of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., yesterday morning, Mr. C. A. da Rosa said that the year's profit had only been \$21,247. With fair trading prospects this should be greatly improved. He emphasised the need of a stable Government at Canton if cargoes are to be attracted to this Colony.

The debt to the Standard Oil Company for the purchase of godowns had been liquidated thanks to help from their Bankers. Mr. Tong Hok Ting, one of the Company's debtors, had disappeared into the interior and the money owing by him had to be considered a bad debt. On the other hand the advance to the Hong Kong and Territorial Estates, Ltd., had been repaid.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Company Working On Its Own.

The Chairman said: Following your adoption of new Articles of Association in January last year, and on the offer on behalf of Mr. Tong Hok Ting falling to the ground, your Directors terminated the temporary appointment given to Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., as General Agents by a notice which expired on the 29th of July last year, since which date the Company has been working on its own.

During the year under review, our godowns have continued to receive a fair share of the storage offering, and their net earnings, together with the profits on lighterage, show an increase not very far short of 100 per cent. in comparison with the figures for 1926.

The Loans section earned \$148,665.46, but, owing to the doubt which exists as to the possibility of recovering a large portion of this figure—\$102,448.71—we have continued our policy of transferring the doubtful portion to particular reserves and taking into profits only that portion considered good, namely, \$46,216.75.

Reduction On Debt Side.

You will note that on the debit side of our Profit and Loss account "Interest on Mortgages" and on Bank overdraft shows a reduction compared with 1927, being some \$40,000 less than for that year, and a reduced sum in commission to General Managers, which account will no longer be a charge upon our working. Interest continues to be a heavy loan on our profits, and must so remain until the Directors have an opportunity of liquidating the large sums tied up in loans. This has not been lost sight of by the Board, but until very recently local conditions did not permit realisation to any extent.

Profit Of \$21,247.

The profit for the year, gentlemen, is only \$21,247.34 and, given fair trading conditions, this should be capable of much improvement, if only by reduction in expenditure put in force during the year, the full benefit of which has not been received in the period under review.

Turning to the balance sheet, and to the Company's liabilities, you will notice that our capital is now put down at the reduced figure of \$5 per share, in accordance with the special resolution which received your approval at extraordinary general meetings held during the year, which resolution was duly approved by the Court in October last.

Repayment From Hong Kong and Territorial Estates, Ltd.

I am pleased to report a very substantial reduction in mortgages on our property, which now stand at \$1,049,000, or \$779,801 less than at the close of the year 1926.

We were fortunate in securing the repayment in full of the loan to the Hong Kong & Territorial Estates, Ltd., and the sum so received, together with assistance from our bankers, enabled us to liquidate our debt arising from the purchase of the godowns of the Standard Oil Company. Excess Reserve has now disappeared from our balance sheet by the completion of the purchase of this property.

In spite of the increase in our overdraft with the Bank, brought about by the above completion it is satisfactory to note that our total liabilities under the two heads "Mortgages on Property" and "Overdraft at Bank" are approximately \$430,000 less than at 31st December 1926.

Debit, Doubtful Loans, etc.

Our Sundry Creditors Account also shows a reduction of some \$68,000, and the last item under this head has since been reduced to approximately \$9,000.

In order to meet the conditions prevailing on December 31st, 1927, your Directors have transferred the sum of \$141,701.34 from General Reserve to certain Special Reserves for bad and doubtful loans in order to meet the depreciation in value of securities held by this Company as at December 31st, 1927. Since the date of the balance sheet, however, there has been an important rise in values of shares, and in the event of the new level being maintained, it is likely that a portion of the reserves, now allocated to "Loans" will be found superfluous, and will thus become available for retransfer to General Reserve. Merely as a matter of interest, I think shareholders would like to know that the whole of the amount, reserves, in the accounts for 1927 would appear to be unnecessary. In addition there is a possibility of the reserves previously set aside not being required to the extent provided.

In regard to fixed assets, gentlemen, your Board considers that no further depreciation is necessary on Property Account, as, in their opinion, the values placed on your properties in 1926 by expert valuers were extremely conservative.

The addition of \$10,275 to our Investment Account represents an part a transfer from a Loan Account of certain shares in the Chinese Underwriters, Ltd., and also a call paid on our holding in the same Company. Our Loan Accounts have been divided into four sections, as before, and you will note that "Loans on Sundry Securities" and "Loans without Security" have been reserved for in full. The latter covers the important sum of over \$371,000, the bulk of which is due by Mr. Tong Hok Ting, which, we are afraid, is now definitely established as a bad account. On the other made on behalf of Mr. Tong falling, the Board endeavoured to execute a judgment obtained against Mr. Tong, but the necessary legal preliminary as entailed gave Mr. Tong an opportunity to proceed outside the jurisdiction of the Courts in Hong Kong, and we have not been able to trace his whereabouts.

Subsequent to the termination of the temporary agreement for the Company's General Agency, your Board gave the most careful consideration to the liquidation of the loan accounts of the Company's late General Managers and, with all the most detailed information available, an agreement has been reached which provides for a substantial cash reduction of their debt to us during the next two years. The satisfaction of this agreement naturally depends upon continued improvement in trading conditions prevailing in Hong Kong and South China, which we hope will be maintained to enable us to collect the sums provided by the agreement.

Prospects.

As to the prospects for this year, gentlemen, our fortunes in the business of warehousemen, to which this Company's activities are being gradually confined depend entirely on trading conditions in South China, and the latter in turn, unfortunately for us, on a political barometer. In short, gentlemen, we need a peaceful administration in Canton to attract cargoes to this Colony, and this has been amply proved by events in 1927 when, in the relative peaceful conditions obtaining in the first nine months of 1927, we did a good business, followed by a depressed period in sympathy with Canton conditions. We shall not have the revenue from the renting of some of our godowns to the military, but we do not anticipate any great difficulty in filling most of the space vacated. Our property has been well maintained out of revenue, and except for certain labour-saving appliances, such as lifts, which we consider desirable to install, are in a condition enabling us to undertake any business offering in an efficient manner.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts for the year 1927, as presented, be adopted, and when this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer any questions you may care to ask.

ADOPTION OF REPORT CARRIED.

Mr. J. M. Alves, who seconded, said he was sure he was voicing the feelings of the shareholders in expressing appreciation to the directors for the lucid balance sheet they had presented. The report was unanimously adopted.

SHAREHOLDER'S QUESTION.

The Chairman:—A shareholder who was unable to be present has asked me a question which may be of interest to other shareholders. He has asked me to explain the increase of the reserve over bad and doubtful loans against security of property.

This reserve, as at December 31st, 1927, shows an increase over that as at December 31st, 1926, of \$31,252.64. Of this sum, \$50,662.23 represents interest which has been debited to various loan accounts and credited to "Reserve," as its recovery is considered doubtful. The balance, amounting to \$10,600.41, represents interest on two loan accounts written back to conform with the rate chargeable on judgment debts.

(Continued on next column.)

CHINESE REDS IN MOSCOW.

A DISILLUSIONED GROUP.

MRS. SUN AND THE LATE MRS. PROHME.

PEKING, Jan. 14th.

Several local residents who have gone to Europe or returned to China by the Siberian route and have had occasion to stay for a short time in Moscow, bear witness in their letters or verbal reports, to the fact that many of the best known Chinese exiles who have taken refuge there were disillusioned and unhappy long before the recent breach of relations with the "Nationalists."

Scant Honour For The Leaders.

The leaders of the Red element in the Kuomintang, Mrs. Sun Yat Sen, General Teng Yen Ta; Mr. Eugene Chen and his daughters, and many others were all to be found in one hotel in Moscow in bare and bleak quarters, where the Soviet Government seemed to be paying them scant honour. Their conversations, were disconsolate and, according to several reliable reports, Mrs. Sun Yat Sen seemed the most disappointed and depressed member of the little colony. The only man in fact who appeared to sustain any interest in Communism was General Teng Yen Ta who was always difficult of access but cheerful when found. He, being the first full-fledged member of the Communist Party in China, appeared also to be the only man in the group who was still in close touch with the Red authorities.

One traveller who knew Mrs. Prohme well in this country and whose testimony can be fully relied upon, had an opportunity to interview her some weeks before her death, and found that she had had a very sad awakening to the realities of the Bolshevik Utopia. It will be remembered that Mrs. Prohme served the Boredin group as editor and publicity agent in Peking, Canton, and Hankow and, when the Russians were expelled from the W-Han district, took refuge in Shanghai and eventually accompanied Mrs. Sun Yat Sen to Russia.

Disillusioned And Disgusted.

When her interviewer attempted to open a mild debate with her, Mrs. Prohme, who was so lately an intensely sincere Red, said that there was no occasion for argument since there was nothing that he might say of the Chinese or Russian Communists with which she could any longer disagree. She then admitted that she was disillusioned and disgusted and expressed the fervent hope that she could, in some fashion, break away from the whole Red movement and leave Russia. She hesitated, however, to leave Mrs. Sun Yat Sen in a state of dependency and also gave the impression that she was bound to Soviet service by some kind of a contract. From these ties this young American woman's fiery spirit has been released in a way that even the Cheka could not control.—Mr. ROONEY GILBERT in the N.C. Daily News.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE IRRESISTIBLE LOVER" AT THE WORLD.

When "The Irresistible Lover" was put on at the Queen's for one day only last Sunday week, it gave so much pleasure that the picture will be shown to-day and to-morrow at all performances in the World Theatre. "The Irresistible Lover" is the story of a handsome and wealthy young bachelor who cannot get enough of women until he meets one who, in a high social standing, how he eventually overcomes her objections and the objections of her family provides a series of delightful situations. The leading player is Norman Kerry. The supporting cast includes Gertrude Astor and Lois Moran.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On the proposition of Mr. A. Keith, seconded by Mr. A. P. Samy, the appointments of Messrs. P. M. Hodgson, N. V. Croucher and S. M. Churn to the Board of Directors were confirmed. Mr. C. A. da Rosa and Mr. A. L. Alves were re-elected to the Board on the proposition of Mr. S. M. Churn seconded by Mr. N. V. Croucher.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. J. P. Xavier seconded, the re-election of Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, as auditors at a remuneration of \$450 each.

This proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. A. da Rosa presided, other Directors present being Mr. C. B. Brooke, Mr. A. L. Alves, Mr. T. B. Wilson, Mr. N. V. Croucher, and Mr. S. M. Churn, with Mr. D. L. King, Secretary. Shareholders present were Mr. L. E. Gutierrez, Mr. A. P. Samy, Mr. A. Keith, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. J. P. Xavier and Mr. C. Mancini.

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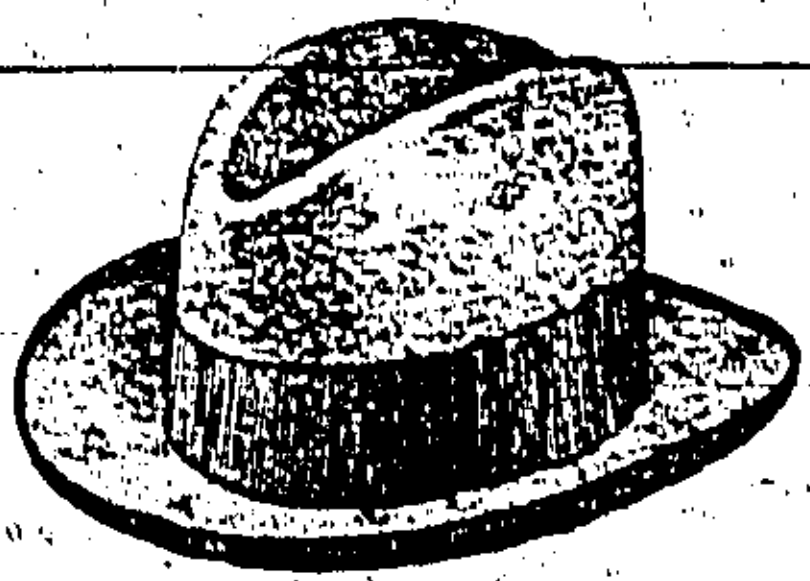
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PLANS FOR THIRTY HOUSES.

STORY OF THE BUILDING BOOM.

ARCHITECT'S CLAIM FOR FEES.

A dispute arising out of architectural fees charged in respect of the preparation in 1924 of plans for thirty houses in Kowloon came before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. E. D. Shank, managing director of the Hong Kong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Company, claimed \$9,731 in respect of architectural services, from Liue Lung, 9, Connaught Road.

It was suggested by counsel for plaintiff that defendant at the time of the building boom was anxious to push on with the work, but when the boom slackened he did not proceed with the scheme, and had now repudiated the arrangement for architect's fees.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., is appearing for plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin for defendant.

Mr. Alabaster explained the services for which the claim was made, giving dates of visits to the P.W.D. surveying of site, preparation of site plan and lay out plan for thirty houses, sketch plan, working drawings, etc.

Defendant denied, in his statement of defence, that he employed the plaintiff as architect, stating that in August, 1924, he agreed with plaintiff as to the fee to be charged by him in respect of the preparation of plans and specifications of the houses to be erected on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 546 and as to the work to be covered by such fees. The statement of defence declared that defendant did not approve of the sketch plan and returned it for alteration, and re-submission, since when he had not seen it again. He had never given instruction for the work done other than the preparation of the sketch plan and did not admit that such work had, in fact, been done. None was necessary for the preparation of the sketch plan.

Defendant, indicated Mr. Alabaster, was prepared to pay \$500 only. The parties first did business together in 1923, plaintiff taking up some agricultural lots for the defendant. The fee had been settled and paid in respect of this. Defendant desired these agricultural lots to be converted into building lots to build under what was known as the Forty Years' Lease Scheme. Instructions were given by the defendant to push on with the scheme of conversion and the building.

In March, 1924, plaintiff submitted a charge of four and a half per cent. on actual cost of the buildings, the fee to include supervision work. This offer was not accepted, another arrangement being made to later. The lots were converted and considerable correspondence took place with the Public Works Department relative to the conversion. Counsel referred to this correspondence and indicated that a further offer by the plaintiff relative to fees was made in July, 1924, plaintiff indicating that he was prepared to undertake the architectural work in connection with the erection of the houses at three per cent. of total cost of construction, fee not to include supervision.

Written Confirmation.
A written confirmation was received from the defendant the next month which, apart from any other evidence, counsel claimed, was sufficient for the plaintiff's case. In his reply, the defendant stated that he found the cost exceeded that of other architectural fees but he would accept it in view of the close friendship, existing between the parties, the price to include any other alteration affected after the plans had been approved. The letter also requested co-operation in supervision to eliminate poor materials and plaintiff must also secure permission from the Government to install meters so that the houses would be supplied with water. There were also stipulations with regard to proper levels.

Meters.
With regard to the installation of meters, counsel referred to correspondence with the P.W.D. which showed that the P.W.D. would not permit the installation of these meters in Kowloon houses unless the houses were of a type suitable for European occupation, and that the P.W.D. reserved the right to remove such meters in the event of the houses being used as Chinese tenement houses.

After requirements regarding the definition of boundaries had been complied with, plaintiff proceeded with the drawings and, after waiting for several weeks for the defendant to put in an appearance at plaintiff's office, plaintiff wrote a letter to him in December, 1924, stating that the plans were ready for submission to the P.W.D.

Defendant Cooling Off?
Defendant called at the plaintiff's office early in the New Year. By this time, stated counsel, the building boom was not so strong and the defendant apparently was not quite so sure that he might not change his mind. At any rate, he requested plaintiff not to send the plans at that time to the Building Authority but to wait a fortnight. He also asked for the fees to be reduced.

In March, 1925, plaintiff sent defendant a bill in which fees were agreed at two per cent. of total cost. In the early Autumn defendant had an interview with the plaintiff in which he stated that he had changed his mind about the type of houses to be erected and instead of wishing them to be tenement houses he wanted plaintiff to prepare a new set of plans for the new type of houses, the fees for old and new type to be agreed on later. Defendant was to return in a fortnight and give instructions in respect of the new proposal.

As defendant did not put in a re-appearance, a letter was written by plaintiff's solicitors, setting out the claim now made. The answer of the defendant was to the effect that general working plans were never authorised at all, only the preparation of the sketch plans. The sketch plan, continued counsel, was only part of the general plans prepared by plaintiff.

Defendant further stated that he had required certain alterations. These, continued counsel, were embodied in the general plans and were given to a Mr. Leung (who at that time was connected with the plaintiff and also had now been ascertained with the defendant) to be handed to the defendant. Defendant denied having received the altered plans.

Plaintiff had done the general plans and considered the charges made reasonable. Counsel added that now the defendant had lost the land altogether, the Government having resumed possession that they were not concerned with that.

Three witnesses, including plaintiff, gave evidence for the rest of the day's hearing. There was lengthy cross-examination by Mr. Jenkin.

The first witness called was Mr. E. D. Shank, who spoke as to the negotiations between the parties, and he also referred to interviews.

Evidence was also given by Mr. C. B. Shank. Both witnesses agreed that a conversation took place about March 25th at which the plans were referred to. Defendant then said he did not think he wanted to proceed with the houses, but that he would give further instructions. A Mr. Edwards acted as interpreter.

Mr. Foster Turner, who was then employed in plaintiff's firm, gave corroborative evidence.

In cross-examination, Mr. Jenkin referred witness to a letter in which defendant said he had not authorised any such sketch plans, but that as some plans had been drawn up, he (defendant) would pay \$500 in respect of these. Mr. Turner said that came as a surprise to him.

Lost Plans And Letters.

Witness was pressed on this point and then agreed that if the sketch plans could be produced bearing the defendant's signature they would be all right. He could not remember when the loss of the plans was first discovered. (It had been stated that the plans and certain correspondence relating to the negotiations between the parties, and other, had been lost). All the files, continued witness, were lost. One file contained letters and a folder with plans at the back, this folder probably containing the sketch plans, but he could not say for certain. The second file contained a roll of drawings.

Mr. Jenkin produced many letters, in file form, and asked witness where they came from.

Witness replied that he did not know. In reply to a further question, he added that they might have come from the original file, but he could not say.

Mr. Jenkin suggested that the file could not have contained many more letters than the one he produced. Witness replied that the file was a very thick one.

Mr. Jenkin further suggested that the correspondence in Court would make up practically the whole of the file, with the exception of the sketch plans.

A Complete File?
Witness agreed that it would appear to be a complete file. He also agreed there was a folder on the back which might be similar to the one containing the plans, which he had referred to as lost.

Mr. Jenkin asked if the whole file had been lost, why had all this correspondence come from?

Witness replied that it had probably been rediscovered by the solicitors.

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A BODYGUARD'S WAGES.

CURIOUS CASE AGAINST CHINESE.

DEFENCE SUGGESTION OF FABRICATION.

A curious case was heard at the Summary Court yesterday morning, before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, when a European, Mr. E. Harris, alleged that he had acted as personal bodyguard to Mr. Tang San Kan, of the Hung Tak Motor Boat Co., of 11-13, Lee Yuen Street West.

Mr. Harris sued Mr. Tang San Kan for \$416, which he claimed was due to him as wages for December and the first seven days of January, under a verbal agreement entered into on December 1st of last year by which defendant agreed to pay Mr. Harris \$340 a month.

It was stated in evidence that it was plaintiff's duty to follow the defendant about at night, and he had other minor tasks to perform such as interpreting for him at the pictures. Defendant, it was stated, often went out with large sums of money on him.

Mr. R. A. Wadeson, of Messrs. Deacons, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo, of Messrs. Lo and Lo, for the defendant.

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Mr. Jenkin remarked that witness had stated, as the two previous witnesses had done, that the plans had gone, and that nobody knew where—Witness agreed.

Mr. Jenkin again put the query as to where had all these papers come from?

Witness: I don't know. Mr. Jenkin asked if witness was satisfied that the so-called lost file was now in front of him, with the exception of the sketch plans.

Witness said that his recollection was that the original file was thicker, and he was not satisfied in his own mind that the complete file, as it previously existed, was in Court.

Questioned with regard to the statement of claims, witness said that he had helped to make it out, and added that the information it contained was given under the instructions of Mr. S. B. Shank. These instructions were given verbally when he was in the offices of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, according to his memory.

Mr. Jenkin suggested that witness had the missing file with him at this office, but witness denied this.

Mr. Jenkin asked Mr. Foster Turner if he knew the dates, and said he hoped witness would be very careful before making a statement.

Witness answered that he had made a mistake and that it was a different document he referred to.

Mr. Jenkin: Had you the file with you?—Witness: I cannot remember.

Mr. Jenkin: Well, where did you get this information?—Witness: I had been shown numbers of letters in Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist's office.

Mr. Jenkin suggested that witness had practically no personal knowledge himself of all the details he had mentioned, and that they had to be collected from documents.

Witness replied that he could not remember the dates, if that was what Mr. Jenkin meant. He would have to refer to some documents to get dates.

No Such Interview Took Place.

The alleged interview, at which Mr. Edwards was said to have acted as interpreter, was mentioned by Mr. Jenkin, who suggested that no such interview ever took place.

Witness said that he begged to differ, and added that he could most definitely assure Mr. Jenkin that the interview did take place.

An Important Witness.

In further answer to questions, witness said that he understood that a subpoena had been issued for Mr. Edwards attendance at Court. He had not seen him in Court that day.

His Lordship remarked, before the Court adjourned, that he had taken down the alleged conversation said to have taken place at this interview, but he assumed that Counsel would follow the usual course and produce Mr. Edwards to confirm it.

Mr. Alabaster explained that Mr. Edwards was in Canton. He was supposed to be coming back to Hong Kong that evening, and in that case would be present in Court to give evidence the following morning (today). If he did not return it would not be his (Mr. Alabaster's) fault.

His Lordship commented that Mr. Edwards was a most important witness.

Mr. Alabaster: I shall try and get him to the morning.

His Lordship added that although he had taken notes regarding this interview, he would not be able to allow it to go in as evidence if Mr. Edwards did not come to give confirmatory evidence regarding the interview and the alleged conversation. His Lordship added that he saw the difficulty that Counsel were in if they could not produce this important witness.

The case was then adjourned until this morning.

Mr. Wadeson said that Mr. Harris had been employed by the defendant but was dismissed at the end of September. During September he understood that Mr. Harris instructed Mr. A. E. Hall to write to the defendant asking for salary which was in arrears. Eventually, Mr. Harris was re-engaged in the Savoy Hotel.

Plaintiff took his belongings to a Des Voeux Road West address on December 2nd and continued to stay there on and off until January 7th, when the defendant told Mr. Harris to take his box away. Plaintiff went and Mr. Wadeson understood that the defendant paid Mr. Harris \$20 and said he had no more money with him. While he had been employed Mr. Harris had received money to pay certain bills. Defendant earned a number of motor boats and Mr. Harris had to meet him each night at Blake Pier and stay with him.

Mr. Justice Wood: What was he? A sort of bodyguard?

Mr. Wadeson: Yes.

Mr. Justice Wood: And that had been his previous employment?

Mr. Wadeson: Yes, but he did other small things as well.

Knew Defendant For Two Years.
Giving evidence Mr. Harris said he had known the defendant for over two years and had been employed by him from February 1927 to September the same year. When defendant dismissed him his belongings were at 250, Des Voeux Road West. Witness also had a flat at Tai Wong Street East.

He was in company with a Mr. Blyth on December 1st when they met the defendant in Pedder Street. They all went to the Savoy Hotel and had a few drinks. Defendant then asked witness to work for him again and he replied that he would if he was paid the same salary as before. Defendant agreed to this and gave witness \$5 to bring his box up to Des Voeux Road West.

"A General Assistant."

Mr. Harris said his duties were those of a general assistant. He used to accompany the defendant about at night. Part of his duties was to go to the pictures and interpret for the defendant, and then later continue to follow him about.

"Not On The Rocks."

Cross examined by Mr. Lo, Mr. Harris said he was formerly employed in Eddie's Cafe, Shanghai, and then came down to Hong Kong. Before the Shanghai employment he had been on West River boats and had also been employed on the harbour works at Macao.

Mr. Lo: When you first met the defendant I put it to you that you were absolutely on the rocks with nothing to do?—I was not on the rocks.

I suggest that when you first met the defendant at the pier you had no decent coat to wear, that you told him you were the ex-skipper of a boat in bad circumstances and that you borrowed a dollar or so from him.

Mr. Harris denied this.

I put it to you that you met the defendant frequently and from time to time got a few dollars from him until about July when you told him that you had at last succeeded in finding a job and asked for \$50. He gave you \$30?—That is not true.

Defendant denied Mr. Lo's suggestion that he had never been employed by the defendant.

Personal Bodyguard.

Asked about the address in Des Voeux Road West, Mr. Harris said defendant lived there. Further questioned about his own duties, the plaintiff said the defendant was afraid to go home in the dark with big sums of money in his possession and he (Mr. Harris) acted as his protector.

Mr. Lo: What did you think the defendant was?—I thought he was a man of money.

But the motor boats—They did not interest me at all.

Your duties then had nothing to do with the motor boats?—No, I had to follow him about at night.

If he employed you at all it was personal employment by him.

Nothing to do with motor boats. Just a personal bodyguard?—Yes, but I was also his general assistant. I put it to you that your case is a fabricated one and that you were never employed by him?—That is not true.

Re-examined by Mr. Wadeson, plaintiff said he had instructed Mr. Hall, the solicitor, to write Messrs. Lo and Lo saying that he had been paid. Mr. Lo denied receiving the letter and copies were handed in by Mr. Wadeson.

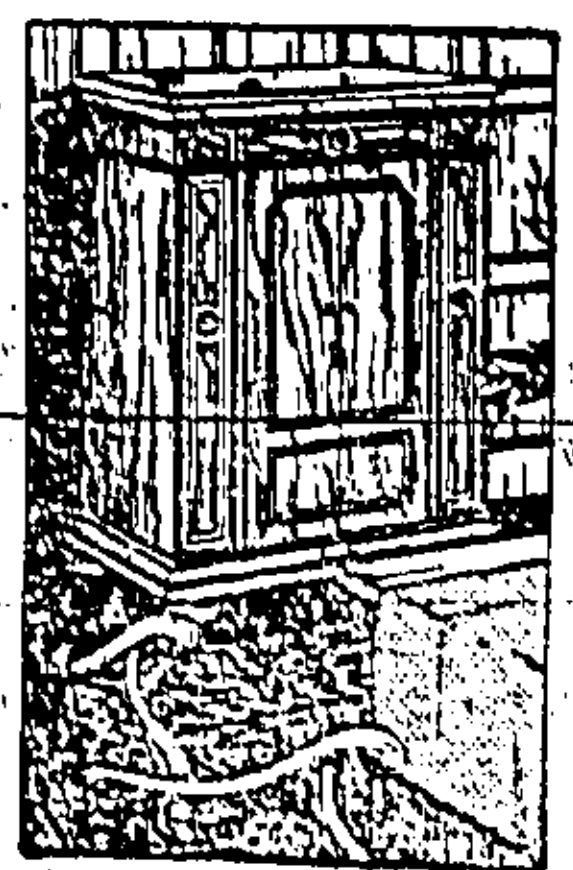
Mr. Wadeson then put in a letter from Mr. Hall to the plaintiff which said that certain letters had been sent to Messrs. Lo and Lo and that Mr. Hall would supply plaintiff with copies of them.

Mr. Lo said he would inquire about these letters.

William Blyth, a seaman, said that on December 1st he went with Harris to the Savoy Hotel where they had a talk with the defendant over several drinks. The latter spoke a few words in English to witness saying that Mr. Harris was going back. Witness understood that to mean that Mr. Harris had been re-engaged.

In reply to Mr. Lo, witness said he was certain that defendant said he had re-engaged plaintiff. All the conversation between plaintiff and defendant was carried out in Chinese. He admitted they had several drinks after he was told by defendant that plaintiff had been re-engaged.

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MRS. CHIANG KAI SHEK.

RUMOURED DISAPPEARANCE.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 2nd.

Mrs. H. H. Kung, sister of Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek, emphatically denied last night all reports that Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek had disappeared. A strong rumour to that effect was reported yesterday from Hankow. Mr. H. H. Kung returned from Nanking yesterday morning and had spent the week-end in Nanking with Mrs. Chiang. He reports that she is well. Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance and a brother of Mrs. Chiang, is at present in Nanking.

During the Chinese New Year holidays, persistent rumours similar to the one now coming from Hankow were widely circulated in Shanghai. Their authenticity was denied by members of Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek's family who put them down to propaganda. When a reporter of the North-China Daily News, at that time sought some explanation of the rumours, he accidentally arrived simultaneously with a telegram from Mrs. Chiang.

The present Hankow report can only be an echo of those which had circulated earlier in Shanghai—N.C. Daily News.

been re-engaged, but his recollection was very hazy of what was said afterwards.

A Charitable Act.

Mr. W. Williams, an engineer, said he had known Mr. Harris for the last fourteen months and lived with him at Causeway Bay. Mr. Harris was employed by the defendant and left at 6.30 each evening for West Point. In cross-examination by Mr. Lo, witness said he was formerly employed by the Douglas Steamship Co., leaving them on September 18th. He had been employed there for nearly a year.

Mr. Lo asked Mr. Williams if he remembered ever having seen him (Mr. Lo) in the solicitor's office. Witness said he did not remember seeing Mr. Lo at all.

Mr. Lo then asked if Mr. Williams remembered being given a dollar by him. Witness said he did not remember, and suggested that Mr. Lo had made a mistake as he (witness) had a good memory.

Mr. Lo also mentioned that he (Mr. Lo) had a good memory for faces.

In reply to further questions, witness said he did not remember telling Mr. Lo that he had been to a central charitable institution and that they had done their best for him and that he could not go back to them again.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Lo said he had given the man a dollar as an act of charity as the man said he was hungry and wanted food.

Case Adjourned.

Answering further questions witness said that since he had been unemployed Mr. Harris had been supporting him.

His Lordship suggested that the case should be adjourned in order that Mr. Wadeson could go into the matter of the receipt said to have been handed over in the Savoy Hotel and for Mr. Lo to investigate the matter of the missing letters.

The case was accordingly adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30.

CLEARING UP "THE MESS."

A SLOW PROCESS.

WHAT CANTON'S GOVERNMENT IS DOING.

TROOPS SENT AGAINST REDS IN DISTRICTS.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

While General Li Tsai Hsin's Government has disappointed many by failing to bring about a sudden and spectacular return to order and prosperity it is doing a good deal to put things to right, though the process is a very slow one. The military menace has passed—for the time being—the "Reds" and the turbulent unions are being held in check, thanks to an active police force and summary methods with offenders, and a commission is now tackling the bigger problems of the currency, revenue and reconstruction.

It is quite a hopeful sign of the return of law and order that the Canton Police are now beginning to enforce a recent military order to the effect that officials and soldiers must pay rent like any other person when occupying houses which do not belong to them. For years now labour agitators, party leaders, officials, soldiers and strikers from Hong Kong, have been living in houses rent free. Now the Authorities declare that they will insist upon every government employee, civil and military, paying his rent.

Upon the petition of property owners who suffered in Canton during the uprising of December 11th, the Authorities have decided to exempt them from the Police tax for a year, except with regard to new buildings upon which the usual rates will have to be paid.

All pawn-shops will have in future to take out a "big" licence similar to that issued for large pawn-shops. This will do away with the "small" shops which charge high interest and lend for short terms only. The big shops usually lend money on more valuable pledges charging lower rates and giving more time for redemption.

Since the "Red" uprising in Canton the telephone service has been practically useless. Repairs are now in progress, and it is hoped that early next month the full service will be restored.

The famous Five-Storey Pagoda on the Hill of the Goddess of Mercy is to be rebuilt as a place of historical interest. It is one of the oldest buildings in the City.

THE CURRENCY.

The Kwangsi Party press are still giving reports of possible action on the part of the Authorities to prevent further depreciation of the Central Bank of China notes. This currency is now being exchanged at less than 40 per cent.

Since silver has become the medium of exchange in Canton, the Chinese Post Office has resumed its savings bank department. Postal savings were at one time very popular in the City, but the recent chaotic conditions have forced the Postal Authorities to suspend that branch of their business.

NO LOVE FOR NANKING.

Canton party organs are treating the 4th Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee meeting at Nanking as a joke. They disavow the Cantonese members supposed to be representing them. They regard them as the friends of those responsible for the recent "Red" massacre and destruction in Canton City. Demands are being made in Canton that the personal property of Mrs. Liao Chung Hoi and other alleged "Reds" be confiscated. Mrs. Liao is among those attending the 4th Session.

Reports from Swatow state that General Chen Ming Shu's main army, which has successfully driven back General Chang Fat Fu's forces in the Eastern Districts, was to arrive in Swatow on February 3rd. Many Cantonese are hoping that General Chen will return to Canton City.

POPULARITY OF THE CINEMA.

Since the Chinese New Year, all places of amusement in Canton City have resumed, and cinemas have replaced many regular theatres in popularity. Every evening, young and old alike are seen around cinemas waiting for the next performance. At least nine large cinemas are running every day.

TO ROUND UP REDS IN DISTRICTS.

The deplorable conditions in the Hoifung and Lukfung Districts of Eastern Kwangtung since the attempt to establish a "Soviet Government" there by Phang Phai are receiving the attention of the Canton Authorities, and General Li Tsai Hsin has ordered the 4th Division of the 7th Army Corps to proceed to that district and suppress the bandits there who are operating under the name of the "Reds." (Continued at foot of next column.)

A NEW FIFTEENTH.

JOSS-DAY FOR THE CHINESE.

PILGRIMAGES TO THE TEMPLES.

(BY C. L. C.)

A visit to the various Chinese temples yesterday would have given much insight into Chinese religious belief. One would have seen coo maidens kneeling to their patron goddesses in return for the blessings they had received in the way of suitors coming for their hands. Other, older sisters, were returning thanks, each for the bonnie baby which the gods or goddesses had blessed her with.

Elderly dames could also be seen burning joss offerings in gratitude for the good health they had enjoyed last year. They also renewed their vows to make another offering next year if they were spared ill-health and ill-luck this year.

The Chinese regarded yesterday as the most propitious day of the year to make a pilgrimage to the temples. It was *San Nap Ng*, or "the new fifteenth" to them, for it was the 15th day of the first moon.

How And When Vows Are Made.

"In time of adversity, we call upon our gods," is the motto of all Chinese women, and they keep faith with their gods. When a person is stricken with illness, she will at once vow to her favourite god (and there are many in China) that she will make offerings to that particular god if she is given good health again.

A mother out to get a husband for her daughter or a wife for her son would do likewise. A wife would also vow something to her patron deity if her husband were involved in a law-suit or his business were none too flourishing.

Women who are born gamblers also vow offerings in return for a lucky number in a Po Pui lottery or for winning at cards.

The vows are generally redeemed by so many thousands of imitation paper money, so many joss sticks or candles. Members of the richer class will promise a roasted pig and others undertake to burn an oil lamp before the god or gods for so many nights.

These vows are generally kept if whatever has been asked for is bestowed. Yesterday was the day when these vows had to be fulfilled. A rich harvest was consequently reaped by the joss stick and candle makers.

THE NANKING BOARDING HOUSE CASE.

ABSENCE OF WITNESSES CRITICISED.

DEPORTED BY MISTAKE.

The charge of allowing his premises to be used for an immoral purpose was resumed at the Central Magistrate's yesterday against the proprietor of the Nanking Boarding House, Connaught Road, Central, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton.

According to the police evidence, two men not connected with the police were sent to hire rooms at the boarding house. It is alleged that these visitors were introduced, on request, to women of loose character.

Tang Chiu, one of the witnesses, stated in Court that he was given \$20 by Inspector Bloor for the purpose of the visit.

Mr. D. McCallum was present in Court yesterday on behalf of Kay Sun printing shop to refute a suggestion by Tang Chiu that he was employed by that firm.

In answer to Mr. Brutton, Tang said that he sold out his interest. Asked why he still used the shop as his address, witness said he still retained a little interest through his brother who was a partner. He agreed that he had not been to this shop for some time.

The absence of two women concerned in the case was criticised by Mr. Brutton, who said that in his experience the police could always produce a witness if they thought the evidence would be of use to them.

His Worship thought counsel's statement was not quite fair as Inspector Bloor had explained that the girls had been deported to Macao by mistake as undesirable.

Mr. Brutton remarked it was a pity that efforts had not been made to detain the women until after the case, as their evidence would have been material for the defence.

The case for the defence was that the men themselves took the women to the house after failing to obtain assistance from the servants there.

The case was again adjourned.

In the smaller cities of Kwangtung, the members of the Kuomintang who are still controlling local government are beginning to have a sense of democracy. Some officials, including the acting Mayor of Kowloon, are suggesting that the City ought to have a council to which certain local citizens should be admitted as members. In this way, he believes, co-operation between officials and people in local government may be promoted.

THE "SAN NAM HOI" PIRACY.

HOW THE CHIEF OFFICER WAS SHOT.

COMPRADORE RECEIVED WARNINGS AND THREATS.

DETAILED STORY AT ENQUIRY.

A detailed story of the *San Nam Hoi* piracy on December 17th was told at the Central Magistrate's yesterday when the enquiry into the death of Mr. Harry Conway, chief officer, and two Indian guards of the vessel was resumed before Major C. Willson. New evidence was given by a Chinese sailor who was the last man to see Mr. Conway alive.

It was also stated that the compradore had received warnings and threats the previous day. Extra precautions were taken on that trip and the Indian guards were told to be on the alert.

Coroner And Jury Visit Ship.

Before the enquiry was resumed Major C. Willson and the jury visited the ship and inspected the upper deck where the short but fierce struggle took place between the pirates and Captain Sparke and the Chief Engineer, Mr. Houghton.

When the party returned from the ship at 2.30 p.m., the compradore, Mr. Yue Fai Ting, gave evidence. He said that on the day before the attack, he had received warnings and threats. He told the Captain and the Chief Engineer that he had been approached to engine room locked.

They left Kowloon on December 17th at 9 a.m. and a few minutes after, witness heard shots. He rushed out of his cabin and saw men were running hither and thither. He then rushed down into the hold and hid himself. While in his hiding place he heard the pirates shouting for him. Some of them suggested setting fire to the ship.

Witness was in his hiding place about ten minutes when he heard that the pirates had jumped overboard. He then came out of his hiding place and made his way to the upper deck. On the bridge he found the Chief Officer huddled against a chest on the starboard side.

Witness then went on to describe how the Captain and Mr. Houghton fired on the robbers while the latter were in the water.

Officer's Boy Missing.

At Kowloon the crew of the *San Nam Hoi* was mustered and it was found that a room boy who looked after the Chief Officer and the Chief Engineer was missing. No one knew how and when the boy left the ship, although it was at first thought he had jumped overboard.

In answer to the jury, witness said that he could not form any opinion as to whether or not the boy had taken any share in the attack. The missing man had only been employed about a month before the attack and had always appeared to be well-mannered and civil to the officers.

In reply to another question, witness said that among the pirates, he recognized one as a *fuki* whom he had formerly employed in the compradore department. This man joined in the General Strike of 1925 and had not been taken back. The man boarded the ship as a passenger.

The Coroner: What caused the trouble between you and the former crew?—The former crew was engaged on the second moon of last year. They went on strike about three months ago, and the present crew was taken on. They were not dismissed but only "not taken back" after a strike.

What Happened To Mr. Conway. A Chinese sailor named Sing Tai said that he was on the bridge on the fateful morning. He was washing paint work, and Mr. Conway, the chief officer, was pacing to and fro only about six feet away from him.

Witness stood up from his work and on turning round toward the armour-plated door, he saw an armed man. This man fired point-blank at Mr. Conway, but although hardly ten feet away he missed.

Mr. Conway then dashed back to get his revolver and the pirate then took a shot at witness, whom he also missed.

Witness then ran into the wheelhouse where he crouched down in a corner to hide himself. He was trembling with fear and dared not look out. He heard more shots and when the firing had subsided a bit, he put his head out to see what had happened to Mr. Conway. He found the Chief Officer leaning over the chest motionless.

In reply to the jury, witness said that he believed that the grille on the starboard side was open at the time.

The enquiry was then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

A VARIED LIST FOR THE MAGISTRATES.

(BY H. E. PORTER.)

Yesterday's charge sheets at the Police Courts contained several important cases and varying terms of imprisonment were given to the offenders among whom was a banisher who made a habit of making Hong Kong his home.

A DEFAULTING ACCOUNTANT.

Two Chinese, an accountant and a *fuki*, of the Shing Cheong Tai grocery store, were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's, with the larceny of goods and the embezzlement of monies amounting to \$2,073.50.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the prosecution and Mr. A. E. Hall defended the accountant.

The charges against the *fuki*, on the application of Mr. Russ, were withdrawn and the man was accordingly discharged.

It appeared that the accountant, who was getting \$18 a month wages and a bonus on the profits, was entrusted with all outport transactions. Several deals with Canton were put through by him, and at the end of the year, defendant was instructed to make out a list of sundry debtors. He was also told to get payments from them.

He reported to the manager that he could not collect any of the outstanding accounts. He was then instructed to write out their addresses so that a *fuki* could be sent up to Canton to collect the money. This was done, but when the *fuki* returned, it was reported to the manager that the addresses given him were bogus ones and that none of the debtors could be found.

The manager became suspicious and began to question the defendant very closely. He then confessed that he had received payments from the debtors and had spent the money himself.

In the course of further evidence it was revealed that the defendant had only embezzled \$715.14 and the charges were amended accordingly.

Hall, in his defence, said that the prosecution had not satisfied the Court that the defendant had stolen any goods or had embezzled any money. All the prosecution had shown, he said, was that a *fuki* had returned from Canton and said that the debtors could not be found. The embezzlement charge could not be proved unless the *fuki* could say that he had seen the debtors and that they had shown him receipts signed by the defendant covering any amount which he might have received from them. Unless that was done, Mr. Hall said that he had no case to answer.

The Magistrate said that from the evidence he was inclined to believe the prosecution's story. Mr. Hall then pleaded for leniency and asked for a small fine to be imposed.

Mr. Russ objected and said that practices of that kind were very ruinous to business houses. Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

A charge of being in possession of two tins of opium was made against a Chinese named Wan Cheung before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's.

Mr. Horace Lo defended. The police evidence was that the opium was found near the doorway of No. 77, Praya East, which the defendant was seen to leave late on Saturday night. The defendant, at the station, said that he picked up the opium. Mr. Lo said his client disputed the police interpretation of the statement.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow morning, defendant being allowed bail of \$300.

THIEVES RAID WATCHMEN'S HOUSE.

Two Chinese were sentenced to terms totalling nine months' hard labour each by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistrate's for the theft of various articles from No. 178, Wanchai Road, and for house-breaking.

The house was occupied by a number of Indian watchmen and during their absence on Tuesday afternoon the defendants broke into it. Of the total haul valued at \$300 only about \$30 worth of property was recovered.

THE LAST WORD.

Two women from Wong Nei Chung village each tried to get in the last word heedless of a warning by the police to behave themselves. As the trouble again broke out in the street they had to be taken to the police station.

The fighting pair appeared at the Central Magistrate's when Mr. Lindsell bound them over in personal sureties of \$50 to keep the peace for twelve months. In making the order, his Worship said that they would be discharged as they had been in custody for two days, but he added that a further appearance in Court for the same offence would result in their being sent to prison.

(Continued on next column.)

THE EVOLUTION OF INTELLIGENCE.

FREE THE HANDS FROM CLIMBING.

PROFESSOR SHELLSHEAR'S INTERESTING LECTURE.

MAN'S ANCESTRY.

A large number of people came together at the Helena May Institute last night to hear Professor J. L. Shellshear speak on the Evolution of the Intelligence.

Intelligence is shown by behaviour. In the lower forms of life the reception of a sensation is followed inevitably by expression. In the higher forms there is an intermediate stage, which Professor Shellshear called intercalation. The development of this power of storing up sensations without giving vent to expression was an important step in the evolution of man.

In dealing with the earlier forms of life, Professor Shellshear pointed out the immense change in the transition from the water-living to the land-living. The Australian lung fish of the present day, which was able to live in mud, showed a stage in the transition. Showing a picture of this lung fish's brain he pointed out that the parts connected with smell, sight and the other senses were separate, showing that the expression of any given sensation would always be the same.

The amphibians, however, had got a new area in the "smell brain" which showed that the other senses were entering in. With the Duck Billed Platypus there was a very important development, parental affection.

Animals had developed along different lines owing to the circumstances of life. Thus the Virginia opossum, being a tree-liver, had retained its primitive five fingers, while the carnivorous had lost. Similarly the horse had developed its middle finger for speed, upon which its safety depended. Among the tree-livers, too, the sense of smell loses its importance, but sight becomes essential, so that the nose retreats but the eyes come closer so as to be able to focus.

Hands and Tongue. Hands and tongue are the two greatest instruments of intelligence, and Professor Shellshear, till the trees were deserted and the fore limbs thus emancipated from progression no real development was possible. The fact that the ape were secure in the trees and so did not free their hands was responsible for their lack of development.

The gorilla was perhaps the nearest thing to man, but Professor Shellshear stressed the fact that man was not descended from the ape, though there probably was some common ancestor of a very primitive type. One reason for making this statement was that the ape was living at the same time as man, and therefore could not be on his line of evolution.

The Ancestors Of Man. With the help of lantern slides and brain casts Professor Shellshear traced the gradual development of the brain of the ancestors of man. He pointed out the first signs of speech found in the brain of the humanoid *Pithecanthropus* from Java, and showed the asymmetry of the brain of the 40,000 year old "Lady of London," which had led Professor Elliot Smith to speculate that she was left-handed.

In the development of intelligence sensation without expression was hopeless, but expression is the sum total end of all education. With the lower animal behaviour is determined, but with the higher there is possibility of modification. In the development of speech, the first step is the repetition of some ordinary sound, conveying an elementary idea, such as "enemy."

Later came syntax, the combining of words together, finally forming a vehicle suitable for conveying intelligent ideas.

By illustrations on the screen and by demonstration Professor Shellshear was able to show his interested audience what great lengths the study of the brain had gone. At the conclusion of the lecture the Dean, the Very Rev. A. Swann, thanked the lecturer for his very interesting address.

ALWAYS COMING BACK.

Charged with returning while he was under banishment for ten years on an order made in 1922, a Chinese who was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour and twenty strokes.

He has been found in the Colony three times since his banishment, his last sentence being nine months and 20 strokes.

THEFT AT SINCERE'S.

The Chinese who was arrested in connection with the theft of \$100 from the Sincere Company's store, as reported in the *Daily Press* yesterday, admitted the offence when he was brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistrate's. The man was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CORRECTION.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, 67, First Mortgage Debentures (Kailash Building).
In the Notice appearing in these Columns from December 31st, 1927, to 7th January, 1928, the Number 30168 appeared under the heading "700 Bonds of £20 each, Numbered," etc. This should read 31068. [3884]

HONG-KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.
ENTRIES will close at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.
Schedules may be obtained on Application from the SECRETARIES, c/o BRADLEY & CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, 7th Feb., 1928. [3862]

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY, to THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1928, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927.
By Order of the Board of Directors, L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th Jan., 1928. [3863]

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & CO., LTD., on TUESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1927.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th JANUARY to 7th FEBRUARY, 1928, both dates inclusive.
DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers. [3803]

NAVY LEAGUE (HONG KONG BRANCH).

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NAVY LEAGUE will be held on WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, at 5.30 P.M., in the Boardroom of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. (by kind permission).
All Members are cordially invited to Attend.
L. M. WHITE, Hon. Secretary. [3744]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, to FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1928. [3808]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 3.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors, KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 3rd Feb., 1928. [3846]

INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Court of Directors, A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th Feb., 1928. [3935]

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.
AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board, W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1928. [3961]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, No. 41, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1928. [3854]

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HOUSING IN ENGLAND.

In England the housing problem created by the war seems to be within reasonable distance of solution. During the war building for domestic purposes was at a standstill for four years, and the Armistice found the country behindhand in this respect. But the arrears have been made good thanks partly to the financial assistance of successive Governments who subsidised building. A great deal, however, remains to be done before all requirements are satisfied. The extraordinary fact is revealed to anybody who examines the subject that in spite of all that has been accomplished nearly every local authority in the country has a waiting list of applications for new houses. No doubt to a large extent these fresh requirements represent the natural growth of the population coupled with the chronic cases of homelessness that were revealed during the first post-war years. For some time now the bigger cry of the ex-Servicemen has been heard, less often complaining against the unkind fate that left him and his family without a roof over their heads. Local bodies, speculative builders, and private owners through the building societies have been working to fill up the gap.

Some instructive details are given in the last annual report of the Ministry of Health, the Department concerned with housing problems.

It seems clear that in the last four years in which strenuous efforts have been made to meet the needs of the people, private enterprise, with State assistance, has easily beaten the public authorities in providing dwellings. In the year 1923-4 the houses built by the local authorities with a State subsidy numbered 14,333, and the figures rose in the three following years to 30,394, 44,218, and 74,003. That was a fairly rapid rise, and shows that the local authorities have been able to speed up production. With regard to houses built by private enterprise with State assistance the rise in numbers was very similar—namely (for the four years), 4,311, 47,445, 62,799 and 79,886. For local authorities the totals were 152,928, and for private enterprise 193,811. But when we come to the houses built by private enterprise without State assistance the total for the four years is remarkable. It amounts to 338,055 houses, or nearly as much as all the State assisted houses put together.

We have here fresh proof that private enterprise as applied to building is able to beat the Government backed up by all the financial resources which Governments can command. The fact has been demonstrated over and over again in other directions with such unflinching regularity that it has become a truism. It is, perhaps, the hardest nut of all for Socialists to crack; and we have noticed that they always very carefully avoid the subject.

The writer of an article in the *Contemporary Review*, in a detailed consideration of the housing question, makes the suggestion that the time has arrived for the appointment of a Royal Commission to settle housing policy for the future. He has a laudable anxiety that the policy should be on right lines. This being an imperfect world, there is a danger that, as has often happened, a thing however good in itself may be productive of evil. It is a good thing to provide houses for the homeless, and incidentally facilitate the abolition of slums. But there is a danger that even on the new housing estates all over England the way is being prepared for slum conditions. In the majority of cases in order to get an economic rent it is necessary to charge a sum above the means of the average workingman; and it is therefore found that part of the new houses are being let to other families, with resultant overcrowding, which is one of the worst features of slum life.

We have not much faith in Royal Commissions, which seem to have been invented to enable Governments to shelve inconvenient questions. The inquiry may last for years, and the report that is issued is generally relegated to limbo. A Royal Commission to decide housing policy might produce some good, or it might not; but the fact remains that while the supply of houses is now nearly meeting the demand, a new problem arises to claim the attention of the statesmen of tomorrow. It is, in a sentence, the provision of houses at a lower rent, if the aspirations of the nation towards a real and permanent advancement in housing conditions is to be realised.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China, is expected to reach Hong Kong about February 18th.

There will be a meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon, but the agenda contains only items of formal business.

The 23rd annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Ltd., will be held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell, to-day, at 11 a.m.

Mr. Paul Hodgson, who has been indisposed and in the French hospital for the past week, is now making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 21st amounted to 7,939 tons and the sales during the period to 71,718 tons.

An organisation meeting in connection with the Euro-American Chinese Returned Students' Union of Hong Kong is to be held at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant to-day, at 5 p.m.

Whilst workmen were engaged in erecting the granite war memorial to Chinese seamen at the Public Gardens yesterday morning, one of the big stone blocks slipped and crashed into the gates.

James Luther Gow, a marine of the U.S.S. *Ashville* appears in yesterday's police reports as missing. The sailor was last on the vessel, now at Taikoo Dock, on Saturday. Another man on the same ship has reported the loss of a Kodak camera valued at \$40.

The annual dinner of the Cymdeithas Dewi Sant, Hong Kong (St. David's Society) will be held at Lane, Crawford's restaurant on St. David's Day, March 1st, at 8 p.m. At 11 o'clock on the same day a wreath will be laid on behalf of the Committee on the Cenotaph.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley Cemetery yesterday afternoon of Petty Officer Rowett, of H.M.S. *Tern*, whose death occurred rather suddenly, following an operation for appendicitis. Deceased was buried with full naval honours, and there was a naval detachment, including fellow comrades of the *Tern*, and firing party.

CHINESE ESTATE OF \$91,600.

TESTATORS HEALTH AND ENERGY WEAKENED BY WORRYING.

Probate of the will of Leung Tse Pun, late of No. 83, Queen's Road West, merchant, who died at this address on August 13th, last year, has been granted to Leung Woo Shi, his mother, Leung Sik Pun, a merchant and a brother, and to Leung Lai Shi, testator's widow. Hong Kong estate is valued at \$91,600.

In his will, testator says: "I am a native of Lai Lam village, San Wai district, Kwong Chow Prefecture, Kwong Tung. There has been trouble in the interior during recent years, and it is difficult to earn a living. My health and energy are weak on account of worrying too much. For fear that an unforeseen accident may befall me, this will is specially made beforehand."

Testator bequeaths four houses, Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5, in Ku Lane, mortgaged for \$50,000, to his mother Leung Woo Shi; one house, No. 137, Connaught Road West, to his younger brother, Leung Sik Pun; and one house, No. 3, Third Lane, Tai Hang Village, Causeway Bay, two life insurance policies, to the total value of \$10,000, and \$20,000, with interest, deposited in Hong Kong currency with the Bank of East Asia, and \$150, deposited with the Yokohama Specie Bank, to his widow, Leung Lai Shi.

SALE OF CROWN LAND.

PURCHASED BY THE CREDIT FONCIER D'EXTREME ORIENT.

HOUSES TO BE BUILT.

There was a sale of Crown Land at the Public Works Department Office yesterday afternoon, and three lots (2007 to 2009 inclusive) situated at Prince Edward Road, Ma Tau Wei, were disposed of. The first lot contains 102,880 square feet, the second lot 60,000 square feet, and the third lot 23,040 square feet. The annual rental is \$708, \$414 and \$138, respectively. There was no competition, and all the land put up was sold at the upset price of \$22,050.

The purchasers were the Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient, of French Building, Hong Kong, who were represented by Mr. J. M. Noronha.

On inquiry, it is learned that it is the intention of the purchasers to build, as soon as possible, a number of semi-detached dwelling houses European style, with gardens in front, and garages behind. One of the objects of the scheme is to improve housing conditions in this district.

"KATJA THE DANCER."

BANYARD MUSICAL COMEDY CO. TO-NIGHT.

To-night is the opening night of the Banyard Musical Comedy Company's "season" in Hong Kong, when they open at the Theatre Royal with "Katja the Dancer." The exceptionally long-run which the piece enjoyed in London at the Gaiety and Daly's should be sufficient recommendation of its worth; if more is needed, take the advice of one who saw it in Town. "Go and see it." The performance begins at 8.15 p.m.

The Company, who arrived yesterday on the *a.s. Kishima Maru*, includes twenty-five London artists and a Beauty Chorus. They have already toured India where they have had a sensational success unparalleled since the palm days of the Bandmann Opera Company in the Far East.

Booking is at Montreux, and everyone who has not already made sure of seats should do so quickly to avoid disappointment. The programme is quite one of the most attractive that has been offered to Hong Kong.

DEATH OF MR. EVAN ORMISTON.

FORMER WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT.

MEMBER OF MESSRS. STEWART BROTHERS.

News was received in the Colony yesterday of the death of a former well-known resident of the Colony, Mr. Evan Ormiston.

Mr. Ormiston who was about 60 years of age died on Sunday at his residence Crossways, Sunning Hill, Berkshire.

A member of a family long connected with the Far East, Mr. Ormiston went to Batavia in 1889 and came to China in 1891 as a member of the staff of the Mercantile Bank of India. In 1900 he became manager, succeeding the Hon. Mr. John Furvin. After eight years in this position Mr. Ormiston left to join the firm of Stewart Brothers, bill and bullion brokers of Hong Kong.

Mr. Ormiston was also chairman of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and of the China Traders Insurance Co.

In his earlier days Mr. Ormiston was a keen rider, though he did not compete on the racetrack. He was a very good golfer and had at one time played a useful game of tennis. A very popular man in the Colony, he had several times been chairman of the Hong Kong Club. He retired about six years ago and went home but continued to keep in touch with a large number of friends in the Colony.

As mentioned already Mr. Ormiston's family had had a very long connection with the Colony. His father came out here in the sixties and was also manager of the Mercantile Bank of India in those early days of Hong Kong's prosperity. When he returned to England he became Secretary of the bank's head office in London.

Mr. Ormiston married in 1908 Miss Honan, a sister-in-law of Commander Colin Mackenzie, R.N., who was at that time well-known here. They had one daughter who is now married. The deepest sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Ormiston and her daughter in their bereavement.

LARD DEALER VICTIMISED.

VISITED BY ARMED ROBBERS.

INCIDENT AT MONGKOK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

A lard dealer, who has a shop at No. 492, Reclamation Street, Mongkok, has been the latest victim of armed robbers. He was visited by a number of men yesterday afternoon, shortly after three o'clock, and, after dragging and gagging him and his feet, the gang walked off with about \$250. Up to a late hour last night there had been no arrests.

It appears that the lard dealer was sitting behind his counter while a *foke* was making lard in front of the counter, and a cook was sitting in the shop. Three men entered, and they told the master of the shop that they wished to make a purchase of dry pigskin. Eventually a fourth man was called in from outside and the price was discussed.

Then followed the usual tactics, the men suddenly turned on the lard dealer and his two assistants, bundled them into a back room, and bound and gagged them. In the meanwhile, two of the intruders had produced revolvers, threatening their victims that if they made a noise they would repeat having done so.

One man, with a drawn revolver, was left guarding the victims, while the other three men went into the shop, having already obtained possession of the keys from the master.

A few minutes later they returned, and then with the fourth confederate they left the premises.

On making a search of his shop, a little later, the lard dealer found that he was the poorer to the extent of about \$250, the bulk of this money being in Hong Kong currency.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

PEACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

WON BY SHANGHAI PUBLIC SCHOOL BOYS.

The Two Peace Memorial Scholarships to be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination held in December, 1927, have been awarded to Messrs. C. C. Bloom and W. A. Ertterley, both of the Shanghai Public School for Boys.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.35 p.m., stated:—

The depression over South Japan is moving north-eastward. A fresh anti-cyclone has formed over North China.

Local Forecasts:—N.E. winds, freshening, overcast, foggy, some rain.

DISTINGUISHED FRENCH GUESTS AT NANKING.

ENTERTAINED BY THE NATIONALISTS.

NORTHERN GENERALS WELL SUPPLIED WITH MUNITIONS.

ANKUOCHUN TROOPS EFFECT WITHDRAWAL OF KUOMINCHUN FRONT LINE.

The French Minister, the French Consul-General from Shanghai and a French naval officer were, on the 5th inst., the guests of honour at Nanking of the Nationalist Government.

The Northern Army have been able to effect a withdrawal of Marshal Feng's front line, which is now between Fenglo and Tsingfeng.

The names of well-known members of the Nationalist Government are mentioned in connection with the reorganisation of the Standing Executive Committee.

General Chang Hsueh Liang is making a tour of inspection along the Peking-Suiyuan Railway. On his arrival at Paoingfu, he will, it is reported, order the Northern Army to make a general attack on Shansi and Feng Yu Hsiang's troops.

FRENCH MINISTER AT NANKING.

(Wah Tsai Tat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 6th. On his arrival at Nanking yesterday morning, the French Minister was accorded an official welcome at the Nationalist Foreign Office, where a dinner was given in his honour. The French Consul-General at Shanghai and a high French naval officer were also guests of honour.

General Li Leh Chun, in a speech, said he hoped the French Minister would interpret to the French people and other friendly nations in Europe how the Nationalist Government was proceeding with their revolutionary work.

The French Minister expressed deep sympathy with the Nationalist Government's ambitions. After the dinner, a visit was paid to Sun Yat Sen's mausoleum on Te-Kin Hill. In the evening the French guests left Nanking on a French cruiser for the North.

THE MURDER OF MRS. FORESTIER.

SHANGHAI POLICE APPEAL.

DEATH SENTENCE DEMANDED.

SHANGHAI, February 2nd. The appeal made by the police against the sentence of 16 years imprisonment imposed on Tsien Siao Ling, a hawker, on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Forestier, was heard in the Appellate Division of the Provisional Court, yesterday, before Judges Ziar (presiding), Chiu and Tan, and Mr. C. E. Whitmore, the Senior Consul's Deputy.

Mr. E. T. Maitland, who appeared for the police, stated that this was an appeal against the sentence of 16 years imprisonment on a charge of murder, on the ground that, in a case of such a serious nature—a brutal murder—the only adequate sentence was death. Accused was charged, together with another man and also a third person not in custody, with the murder of a foreign lady, Mrs. Forestier. The other person charged was an ex-coolie employed by Mrs. Forestier in her house in Avenue Haig. On the afternoon of November 2nd, the coolie went to Mrs. Forestier's house, when she was alone, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and, according to the evidence of the coolie himself and also accused, he took the latter and a third party with him. There was no possible reason for accused to have gone to the house, and he was not at all to do with Mrs. Forestier, and the evidence showed that Mrs. Forestier was attacked and injured with an axe, and that also a knife was used on that occasion.

Contention of Equal Guilt. After the murder, accused went upstairs and stole \$400 from a drawer. According to the evidence of the first accused, he stated that accused and the third man also attacked Mrs. Forestier. Accused admitted being present, but said that he only stood in the doorway. Counsel respectfully suggested to the Court, that if three went into the house, murdered a woman and stole \$400, it was immaterial who struck the blow; they were all equally guilty.

Judge Ziar said that, according to Chinese law, when any offence involved a penalty above the third degree and defendant was too poor to engage counsel, the Court would appoint a lawyer to appear for him. That had been done in the present case, but, for some unaccountable reason, counsel had not put in an appearance, and in order not to give defendant any grounds for objection, the case would be adjourned to the 15th inst.

The Court requested that deceased's body and the other man already sentenced to death, should be brought up at the next hearing. North-China Daily News.

INDIAN FERRY BOAT DISASTER.

FIFTEEN PERSONS DROWNED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 6th. A telegram from Hyderabad states that 15 persons were drowned by the capsizing of a small ferry boat in the middle of the Indus, between Sehwan and Doudatpur. Seven men and four women were rescued.

SIR ALAN COBHAM PROGRESSING.

THE AERIAL SURVEY OF AFRICA.

REACHES LAKE VICTORIA.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, February 6th. Sir Alan Cobham, who is engaged in an aerial survey of Africa, and who is accompanied by Lady Cobham and a crew of four, yesterday flew from Mongalla on the Nile over mountains and across Uganda to Lake Victoria. His was the first flying-boat ever to alight on its waters, which are 4,000 feet above sea level.

RUSSIAN MONARCHISTS.

"PERIOD OF GRACE."

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 6th. The period of grace for the stay in Turkey of Russian monarchists, due to expire to-morrow, has been extended for another year.

THE "BIG SWORDS."

PEKING TROOPS ATTACK TWO VILLAGES.

MASSACRE ENTIRE MALE POPULATION ABOVE TWELVE YEARS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, Feb. 6th. Mukden messages state that drastic measures have been taken by Government troops against the "Big Swords." On the 3rd inst. troops raided two villages near Tungwha, known to be "Big Sword" bases and massacred the entire male population above twelve years.

This action has exasperated the "Big Swords" who declare their intention of renewing attacks against Tungwha.

EARL HAIG'S WAR MEMOIRS.

TO REMAIN SECRET TILL 1940.

MANUSCRIPTS IN BRITISH MUSEUM.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 5th. It is announced that Field Marshal Earl Haig's personal views of the conduct of the Great War will remain a close secret for the next twelve years.

Documents written and compiled by him have been deposited with the trustees of the British Museum and will not be opened until 1940. Mr. Julius Gilson, the Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum, says that nobody knows what the documents really are or what they contain.

It is known, however, that Earl Haig, when Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, kept a diary in which he recorded daily the chief events, together with his personal views of the conduct of certain phases of the war.

It is estimated that 160,000 people passed the body of Earl Haig, lying in state in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, yesterday.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FROM MACAO.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF MACAO, SENHOR TAMAGUNZI DE BARROSA, AND THE SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER OF THE COLONY HAVE SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG ON THE DEATH OF EARL HAIG.

The message recalls that the Portuguese Expeditionary Force to France, of 1916 to 1918, had the honour of serving under the orders of the illustrious Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig.

Sincere condolences are expressed for the loss which Britain has sustained by the death of this famous soldier, whose memory is held in great reverence by the Portuguese nation and especially by those who had the honour of serving under him in the Great War.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

The following message has been sent by H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi to H.E. The Governor of Macao:

Your Excellency—I have the honour to thank you most sincerely for the expression of condolence on the death of Field Marshal Earl Haig addressed to me by Your Excellency and the Garrison of Macao.

Such sentiments are the more appreciated since they come from our late comrades in arms.

(Sd.) C. CLEMENTI.

BRITISH WOMEN VOTERS.

"SUFFRAGETTES" HOLD REUNION.

"NOTABLE FIGURES PRESENT."

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 6th. On the eve of the introduction into Parliament of proposals which are expected to give votes to all women at the age of 21, an interesting reunion took place yesterday, of the suffragettes who fought for the women's vote some fifteen years ago.

Actually, the anniversary was being celebrated of the first vote being given to "Some" women ten years ago.

Most of the women who took a militant part in the suffragette campaign attended the reunion, and each table was presided over by a woman who had gone to prison for the cause. Notable figures present included Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence and Mrs. How Martyn.

RE-SURVEYING THE SAHARA.

YOUNG ENGLISHMEN MAKE MAPS IN THE DESERT.

CARRY A USEFUL WIRELESS SET.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 6th. Three young Englishmen, Francis and Peter Rodd, sons of Sir Rennell Rodd, late British Ambassador in Rome, and Augustus Courrauld (1) have returned to England after many months' spent in re-surveying the Sahara. They travelled by camel and their equipment included a specially designed portable wireless set. With this they picked up time signals, by means of which they fixed the latitude and longitude of mountains and valleys and found existing maps in many cases inaccurate.

The maps made are being presented to the Royal Geographical Society.

Touaregy, Ouareg, and Noman-die tribes encountered by the travellers were invariably friendly.

GERMANY'S "STEEL HELMETS."

HOLD ANNUAL PARADE.

TWO OF EX-KAISER'S SONS PARTICIPATE.

"RED" COUNTER DEMONSTRATION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BERLIN, February 6th. Four thousand police were turned out to protect 2,000 "Steel Helmets" at their annual parade.

This monarchist and semi-military organisation included two of the ex-Kaiser's sons.

Six thousand communists held a counter-demonstration. There were minor clashes and 125 arrests.

PRAYER BOOK REJECTION.

CHURCH ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER PLAN OF BUSINESS.

NEW MEASURE.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, February 6th. This afternoon, at the spring session of the Church Assembly, the rejection of the last Prayer Book measure by the House of Commons will be formally reported and the Assembly will then consider the plan of business for consideration of a new measure as revised by the House of Bishops.

CANADIAN FARMERS RECEIVED BY THEIR MAJESTIES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 6th. The King and Queen received yesterday afternoon at Buckingham Palace, the party of seventy Canadian farmers who are visiting this country.

It was noticed with much pleasure that H.M. the Queen was wearing the maple leaf given to her on her visit to Canada as Duchess of York in 1901.

The King expressed his delight at learning that some of the farmers who came from Alberta had met the Prince of Wales when His Royal Highness visited his ranch there.

TURCO-SWEDISH TREATY SIGNED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 5th. The Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Turkey and Sweden has been signed.

LADY CHAMBERLAIN UNWELL.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 6th. Lady Chamberlain, wife of the Foreign Secretary, who has been suffering with neuritis, has been ordered to take a sea voyage and will leave for South America on February 15th.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

RE-OPENING TO DAY BY H.M. THE KING.

FOURTH SESSION.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, February 6th. The fourth session of the present Parliament will be opened to-morrow in person by H.M. the King who, with H.M. the Queen, will drive in state from Buckingham Palace accompanied by the Sovereign's Escort of Royal House Guards.

The debate on the Address, in reply to the Speech from the Throne, is expected to engage the attention of the House of Commons until Monday next.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will open the debate for the Opposition to-morrow and will be followed by the Prime Minister.

Newspapers anticipate that Mr. Baldwin will make it plain that the Government will not appeal to the country until late in the spring of next year, the names of newly enfranchised women voters having been added to the remainder.

THE SUBMARINE PROHIBITION.

LONDON PRESS COMMENT ON MR. KELLOGG'S PROPOSAL.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 6th. The diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph believes that Mr. Kellogg, before intimating that the United States was eager to sign a treaty with all the Powers prohibiting submarines, sounded Tokyo and ascertained that Japan was similarly willing.

America's naval programme provides for 33 additional submarines. The Daily Telegraph's naval expert points out in this connection that since the Washington Conference of 1921 the submarine strength has altered to America's disadvantage. Japan having laid down or authorised about 50 and the United States has only built six. Japan possesses many more larger submarines than the United States.

Since the end of the war the five principal Powers had built or ordered 189 submarines. France had authorised 91, Japan 61, the United States 30 (excluding the 31 mentioned above), Italy 13, and the British Empire 18.

It was noteworthy that a separate treaty forbidding submarines as commerce raiders was appended to the Washington Naval Convention of 1922, but is inoperative as France declined to ratify.

The "Times" Comment.

LONDON, Jan. 6th. The Times recalls that Britain found no support for her proposal, submitted by Earl Balfour at the Washington Conference, for the abolition of submarines, which is now favoured by the United States, and says that the expectation of general support is equally hopeless at present. France, Japan and Italy vigorously opposed the original proposal. The submarine, in fact, has become the weapon of the poorer Powers and there is, unfortunately, no sign of a change of outlook at present.

What A Paris Paper Thinks.

PARIS, Feb. 6th. Le Quotidien says that Mr. Kellogg is wasting his time in making the proposal as the submarine is the only weapon with which countries with small fleets can defend themselves against the menace of powerful squadrons.

(THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.)

Renewing Bonds Of Friendship.

PARIS, Feb. 6th. The newspapers recall that the bonds of friendship and sympathy between France and the United States were tied 150 years ago to-day by the signing of the Franco-American Alliance Treaty, which will be strengthened to-day by the signing of the Franco-American Arbitration Treaty.

NEW AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINES.

HIGH COMMISSIONER AT PORTSMOUTH.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 6th. The High Commissioner for Australia, Sir Graydon Hyslop, will visit the new Australian submarine, Orelan, and Otway at Portsmouth to-morrow.

The submarines will leave Portsmouth on Wednesday next for Australia under their own power, and are due off Thursday Island on April 26th.

STEAMER SPLITS IN TWO.

CARGO OF CALCIUM-CARBIDE CAUSES EXPLOSION.

ONE KILLED; THREE INJURED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SALATO, February 6th. A terrific explosion aboard the steamer Arda, off Sebenico, with a cargo of calcium-carbide, caused the ship to split in two and sink in a few minutes.

A stoker was killed and the master and two sailors seriously injured.

THE STATUTORY COMMISSION.

"PEACEFUL HARTAL AT MADRAS."

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MADRAS, Feb. 6th.

The Propaganda Committee organising the boycotting of the Statutory Commission headed by Sir John Simon, has unanimously decided to call a complete, but peaceful hartal on the day of the Commission's arrival in Madras.

No meeting or processions will be held, so as to avoid the possibility of any disturbance.

RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENT.

SECURITY AND TALL STORIES.

PORTON AND HASLAR.

The recent death of a lieutenant in the Royal Engineers from injuries received in carrying out tests at Porton serves to remind us that existence within that mysterious enclosure is a pretty risky business.

Here and at Haslar what may be called laboratory warfare, is being ceaselessly developed. These investigations are of a dual character. As soon as a new method of scientific killing makes its appearance the inventors get busy devising an antidote. Many weird and wonderful stories have gained currency of what goes on within those experimental stations, but probably there is much exaggeration in these. Secrecy always stimulates imagination. And the desirability for extreme secrecy in connection with these places is self-evident.

Chemical warfare is not to the British taste. We do not like it. But, since it has been adopted by other nations, we have no choice in the matter, and, as it has been forced upon us, we must respond to what other countries may be doing in this way as effectively as possible.

For this reason it is that the Admiralty nowadays employ so many scientists. More than once has the question been raised as to whether this is not an unnecessary extravagance. No doubt there is much cry for little wool, relative speaking. But that the Admiralty consider their policy in this direction is justified by results is certainly suggested by the emphasis which Mr. Bridgeman laid upon "research and experiment" when he presented the Navy Estimates for the current year.

The scientists naturally have to traverse a lot of barren ground in order to reach an occasional oasis. Without knowledge of what is really being accomplished it is rather unreasonable to criticise, and that knowledge, as we have just pointed out, is inevitably withheld. The matter is one which should figure much more prominently than it has done in the deliberations of Geneva. If, instead of harping upon cutting down armaments, there was a general movement to restrict the methods of warfare to old and honourable methods we believe there would be much better prospect of real progress.

The idea that future warfare will be waged largely against civilian populations by means of aerial gas attacks must be repellent to all civilised nations. The poisoning of wells is ruled outside of civilized warfare, and yet the poisoning of the air is regarded as legitimate. The fact is that as war grows more beastly in its methods so it grows more illogical. The first traditional rule of all combats is to "fight fair."—Naval and Military Record.

WORLD FLIGHT.

NEWALL AND VINCENT SET OUT ON NEXT HOP.

COMING TO CHINA.

Le Bourget, Feb. 6th.

Newall and Vincent have taken off for Rome.

[The following Reuter telegram, dated London, January 24th gives particulars of the flight:—Two ex-R.A.F. flying officers, Mr. J. S. Newall and Mr. Neville Vincent, left the Stag Lane Aerodrome, London, this morning on a world flight via France, Italy, Greece, Mesopotamia, India and Singapore, returning to England via China and Russia.

In addition to the pilots, Newall and Vincent, the party which will be using two three-seater aeroplanes, includes a photographer, Mr. Childs, an engineer, Mr. King, and Mrs. Wise Parker, who will be a passenger as far as Cairo. The aviators intend to use the planes between India and Singapore to pick up cargo and passengers for various ports.]

LONDON TO AUSTRALIA.

ATTEMPT TO FLY THE DISTANCE IN 18 DAYS.

HINKLER'S "SOLO" FLIGHT.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 6th.

Weather permitting, Bert Hinkler will take off from Croydon today on a solo flight to Australia in 18 days in a 30 horse-power Avro-Arian.

He hopes to cover the journey in 1,000-mile stages. The record is held by Sir Keith Smith, who in 1919 (in a 720 h.p. Vickers-Rolls-Royce biplane), covered the flight in 28 days.

LATER.

Weather Causes Delay. Hinkler has postponed his flight to Australia on account of the weather.

LOOPING THE LOOP.

THE FRENCH NOT DOWN-HEARTED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PARIS, Feb. 6th.

The newspapers declare that Shank's looping the loop performance does not attain the Frenchman Fromy's record of 902 loops under four hours.

[The following telegram, dated St. Paul, Minnesota, February 6th stated:—Gene Shank, a law student who is interested in aviation, established a world record in aeroplane looping by making 515 loops in 4 hours, 18 minutes, beating by 200 loops Maynard's record in France.]

MILLIONAIRE FLYER PREPARING.

PROPOSED FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO MOSCOW.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

RIGA, Feb. 6th.

Mr. Charles Levine, the Atlantic flier, has applied to the Soviet flying department to assist in arranging a non-stop flight from New York to Moscow in the summer.

RUSSO-PERSIAN AIR-MAIL SERVICE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TEHRAN, Feb. 5th.

By an agreement between Russia and Persia, a weekly air-mail service has been established between Tehran and Paku.

GLOVELESS POST MORTEM.

TRAGEDY OF A SURGEON. REAR-ADMIRAL.

LONDON, January 6th.

The danger of conducting a post-mortem examination without gloves was disclosed during an inquest at Lewisham yesterday on Surgeon Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Bassett-Smith, aged sixty-six, who died in St. John's Hospital on Thursday.

Sir Percy, as a member of the staff, performed a post-mortem examination without gloves, and the house surgeon, Dr. A. Rabinowitz, said that death was from septic pneumonia following septicæmia. The infection arose from the examination.

Major Whitehouse, the coroner, in recording a verdict of "Accidental death," expressed to Miss Constance Margaret Bassett-Smith, a daughter, his sympathy with her and other members of the family, and said that her father was greatly respected.



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TOO MUCH CASH!

USELESS MONEY IN
PEOPLE'S POCKET.

BANKERS WANT IT!

People carry much more cash in their pockets nowadays than they did before the war, according to Mr. Frederick Hyde, joint managing director of the Midland Bank, in an important speech to the Institute of Bankers in London. Mr. Hyde, the new president of the institute, reviewed a new problem of banking created by the gradually increasing industrial and trade activity of the country. "How," he asked, "are the banks to find the additional money to finance a revival of trade? Already the total of advances represents over 54 per cent. of the deposits, and cannot be increased indefinitely."

No Useful Function.

"It is obvious that the power of the banks to increase their advances is conditional on an increase of their deposits, and the problem we have to solve is, therefore, how can deposits be increased? Actual money held by individuals for their ordinary requirements, argued Mr. Hyde, was performing no really useful function.

"There are," he added, "at present in circulation currency notes to the amount of £200,000,000. This figure, of course, includes these currency notes held in the banks and in the tills of railway companies, shopkeepers, and others—still a very large increase on the total of gold in circulation before the war on even the most liberal estimate. "If any considerable proportion of the notes held by the public could be transferred to the banks and held by them as part of their cash reserves, such notes would fulfil a double purpose—first, they would enable the banks to increase their assistance to trade by extending their advances, and, second, they would provide the banks with a larger proportion of currency in their reserves without having to encroach upon the cash held by the Bank of England.

Wages.

"The question then is, how are these notes to be got out of the pockets of the people, where they fulfil no useful purpose, and into the reserves of the banks, where they will fruitfully in this desirable manner? "Before attempting to answer that question let me put another. Who holds these notes, and why do they hold them? "In the first place we may assume that, as wages are paid in currency, some part of the total represents the amounts paid out each week in wages. Is there, then, no way by which this cash can be retained by the banks and made available as the base for additional advances? "We are encouraged to hope that we are on the eve of some trade improvement. The fall in prices is beginning to be reflected in a reduction in the cost of living, while the number of unemployed has shown a steady decline. Both these factors, if continued, will tend to greater home consumption and an improvement in trade."

WORK A GREAT STIMULANT.

PERILS OF RETIREMENT FOR
BUSINESS MEN.

Work is a stimulant. A man who gives up the work which has kept him going all his life and has nothing to do but put in his place in his considerable peril.

That is the opinion of a Harley-street nerve specialist who discussed with a Home paper representative the case of a man who committed suicide a few years after he had retired from his business.

"My husband had no hobby or recreation," said the widow to the coroner's court during the inquest on the dead man at Camberwell. "He never read books or mixed with friends, and he gradually appeared to lose interest in everything."

These facts, in the opinion of the specialist, explain his suicide.

Breakdown.

"Overstrain may lead to a breakdown," he said, "and in the same way a sudden cessation of the nervous tension under which a business man normally labours causes trouble to the nervous system."

"A man who retires gives up the incentive or stimulant which has kept him going all his life. He no longer has a motive for concentrated effort, and the reaction is similar to that experienced by a man who gives up drugs after being used to them."

Other doctors agreed. One pointed out that even if the annual pension was not strong enough to drive a person to suicide, it was often enough to reduce the vitality to such an extent that any unexpected illness would prove fatal.

Mrs. J. Williams Tells How Cuticura Healed Rash

"For two years I suffered with a rash of pimples which first appeared on both my arms, and then spread to my shoulders and back. Later the pimples turned into sore eruptions and I lost my sleep many nights on account of the burning and itching. "I tried various remedies but none of them helped me. I read an advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment and sent for a free sample. The first night I used it I could not sleep because it soothed and cooled the eruptions, and I could sleep better. I purchased more, and after using them regularly I was completely healed." (Signed) Mrs. J. Williams, 14, Grosvenor Pl., Treheris, S. Wales.

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CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s
STEAMER "KIDDERPORE."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON
5th FEBRUARY, 1928.
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their disposal in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf, B.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary six hours before arrival of the steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period. The Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 25th February, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MAKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1928. [6861]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA
PORTS.

THE Motor Vessel "GLENAPP" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 14th February, 1928, at Noon, will be subject to Rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. Claims against those delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hong Kong, 7th Feb., 1928. [6865]

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS,
LIMITED.

FROM LEITH, MIDDLESBRO',
ANTWERP, LONDON & STRAITS.

The Steamship "BENALDER."

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th instant, will be subject to Rent. All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 27th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1928. [6859]

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CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

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BRINGING CARGO FROM ROTTERDAM, DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, LONDON, etc., ALSO CARGO FROM HARVEY & COGNAC, etc., BY "COMMANDANT DORSE."

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 10th instant, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors: Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 7th February, 1928.

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Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1928. [6842]

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"HONGHONG"	On 11th Feb.	7 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 11th Feb.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LIANGCHOW"	On 13th Feb.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN"	On 13th Feb.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & SHANGHAI	"NANNING"	On 13th Feb.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 13th Feb.	7 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOV"	On 13th Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 13th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KAYING"	On 13th Feb.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KANCHOW"	On 13th Feb.	10 a.m.

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Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

February 6th.
Dampier, Norwegian str., 1,430 tons, Capt. K. Holm, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C40—Karsen, Larsen & Co.
Haiyang, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. J. S. Thomson, from Penang and Singapore. The latter port she left on January 29th, with firewood and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43—Leo Fat Co.
President Pierce, American str., 3,393 tons, Capt. Henry Nelson, from Seattle via Shanghai. The latter port she left on February 3rd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.

February 6th.
Benalder, British str., 3,947 tons, Capt. J. J. Fairweather, from London via Singapore. The former port she left on December 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Clara Jensen, British str., 1,134 tons, Capt. T. Davidson, from Bangkok, which port she left on January 27th, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C30—Kwang Nguan Seng.

February 6th.
Dorcy, German str., 378 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen, from Hongkong, with a cargo of salt, lying at Shamshuipo—Chau Yue Teng.
Hain Foo Sing, Chinese str., 307 tons, Capt. R. Simon, from Saigon, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—Yuen Shing Fat.

February 6th.
Kinkyoan, British str., 1,543 tons, Capt. C. Labister, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9—B. & S.
Kwai Sang, British str., 1,433 tons, Capt. C. Alexander, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B32—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

February 6th.
Kwangsue, British str., 1,293 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C18—B. & S.

February 6th.
Linan, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. T. G. Beer, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

February 6th.
Osaka Maru, Japanese str., 2,191 tons, Capt. S. Miyairi, from Moji, which port she left on January 31st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

February 6th.
Philactee, British str., 1,197 tons, Capt. H. S. Andrews, from Liverpool via Singapore. The latter port she left on February 1st, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

February 6th.
President Madison, American str., 3,341 tons, Capt. Thos. Johnson, from Manila, which port she left on February 4th, with 1,550 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—American Mail Line.

February 6th.
Prosper, Norwegian str., 1,376 tons, Capt. E. D. Knutson, from Saigon, which port she left on February 1st, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C40—Fau Yue Hong.

February 6th.
Tanda, British str., 4,236 tons, Capt. E. Pilcher, from Melbourne via Manila. The latter port she left on February 3rd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

February 6th.
Tjandjari, Dutch str., 5,019 tons, Capt. P. Weide, from Shanghai and Keelung, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10—J.C.J.L.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.
Per s.s. Tenda—Prof. K. W. Kwong, Mrs. Kwong and three children, Mr. and Mrs. H. Louey Pang, Miss Y. F. Harvey, Miss Y. C. Mannett, Col. W. J. McElhinny, Mr. W. Y. Goe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kemmit, Miss A. H. Stuckey, Miss E. A. Kerr, Miss A. Greve, Mrs. Jenner and child, Miss M. E. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Faggett, two children and Japanese Annah, Miss Mr. McShane, Mr. and Mrs. O'Duffy, Rev. Schuler, Mr. A. S. M. Anderson, Rev. and Mrs. McNeur, Mr. K. Kawaguchi, Mr. Y. Kaneko, Mr. and Mrs. L. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Matthews, Sister Marie St. Floride, Sister Marie St. Theresa, Mr. L. Ratzovich, Mr. Chin Loon, Mr. Sam Loong Goon, Mr. W. Joe, Mr. Lee Sun, Mr. Low Lei Hing, Mr. Lee Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Chin Ting and two children, Mr. Charlie Bing-Sing, Mr. A. Leong, Mr. Cheung Sing, Mr. Michael Karbyshoff, Mrs. Marie Karbyshoff and Lee Chi.

Per s.s. President Madison, from Manila, on February 6th:—For Hong Kong: Mr. W. F. Barnes, Mr. H. B. Brown, Mr. George Cuvillier, Mrs. J. Ward Cohen, Mr. Go Bun Cha, Miss Francisca Go, Mr. Eald Huescheirath, Mrs. Erna Jarek, Mr. Wolfgang Jarek, Miss Enka Jarek, Miss Gabriele Jarek, Mr. Ng Nio, Mr. Hubert A. Smith, Mr. Oscar G. Steen, Mr. Tan Chin Gui, Mr. C. N. Tam, Miss Helen Thoburn, Mr. J. P. Ulerup, Mr. and Mrs. Rene Viard, Mr. Wong Ning, For Shanghai: Miss Mary G. Black, Mr. Albino Z. Sy Cip, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Elder, Mr. Maurice Friguelin, Mr. A. J. Grant, Mrs. Mary T. Grant, Sir D. M. B. Hall, Lady Ira N. W. Hall, Mr. Patrick Charles Inglis, Lieut. J. A. Kuse, Mr. David G. Maxwell, Mrs. C. V. Powers, Mr. H. F. Stratton, Mrs. M. P. Stratton, Mr. Say Kim Pon, Mr. Tsong Tsung, Mr. Toshio Yamaguchi, For Kobe: Mr. J. Stuart Hyde, Mr. Genzo Kobayachi, Denconess Kate S. Shaw, Mrs. Atheneia L. Smith, For Yokohama: Mr. Julian E. Burr, For Seattle: Mr. W. F. Hicks, Mr. George Glenn Lyman, Miss Tyn M. Westling, Comdr. Lawrence J. Webb, Mrs. Helen E. Webb, Master W. C. Webb.

SALE OF "WAI HUNG."

By order of the mortgagee, the steam launch "Wai Hung" is to be sold by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, at the China Auction Rooms on Monday next, at 11 a.m. This launch has the following dimensions and capacity:—Length, 17 feet; breadth, 13 feet 8 inches; depth, 5 feet 8 inches; gross tonnage, 60.56; net tonnage, 41.20.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1928.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
February 7th...	7.00 a.m.	6.15 p.m.
" 8th...	7.00 "	6.15 "
" 9th...	6.59 "	6.16 "
" 10th...	6.59 "	6.17 "
" 11th...	6.59 "	6.18 "
" 12th...	6.58 "	6.18 "
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IN TOUCH.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—
"Changte, Kaio Maru, Takashima Maru, Tjikembang, Malwa, Celebes Maru, Rotton, Telamachus, Antung, Tonkin, Sango Maru, Kinderpore, Seichuen, Tjikodan, Chinan, Hai Hong, Taiwi Maru, City of Benares, Atlas Maru, Selene.

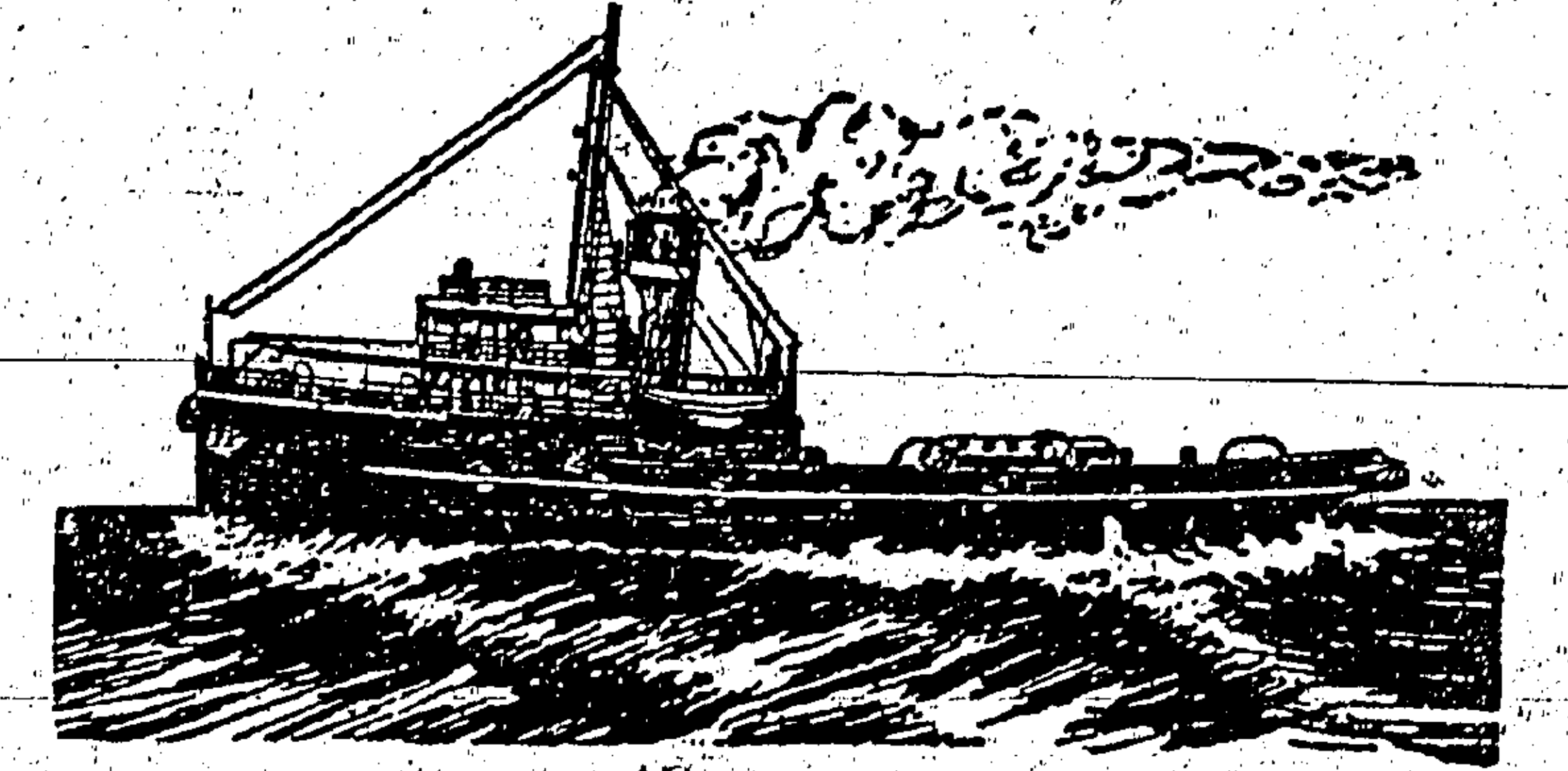
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February 6th.
Benalder, for Shanghai.
Byusho Maru, for Canton.
Dampier, for Chinwangtao.
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Ekstrand, for Sumarinda.
Hop Sang, for Canton.
Hulrangea, for Swatow.
Ichang, for Amoy.
Kwangchow, for Swatow.
Kwangsin, for Canton.
Linan, for Canton.
Newchwang, for Canton.
Osaka Maru, for Singapore.
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TIENTSIN	"WAISHING"	Wed., 8th Feb., at 5 p.m.
KOBE & MOJI	"YUENSANG"	Sun., 12th Feb., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAI MOJI & KOBE	"FOOKSANG"	Wed., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOI, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"HOSANG"	Thurs., 23rd Feb., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"HOPSANG"	Tues., 7th Feb., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG" "KUMSANG"	Thurs., 8th Feb., at 3 p.m. Wed., 15th Feb., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thurs., 8th Feb., at 3 p.m.

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Motor Vessel "GLENHARRY"	(via Oran)	2nd May

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Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	...	2nd March
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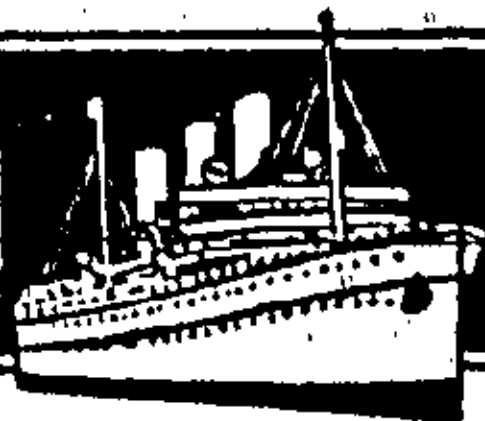
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MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Feb.

TAMBA MARU ... Wednesday, 21st Mar.

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+ OSAKA MARU ... Tuesday, 7th Feb.

+ TASMANIA MARU ... Saturday, 11th Feb.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

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+ TATSUNO MARU ... Thursday, 9th Feb.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

+ DELAGOA MARU (Call Saigon) ... Thursday, 9th Feb.

OALOUTIA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

+ TOTTORI MARU ... Sunday, 12th Feb.

+ MOBIOKA MARU ... Monday, 20th Feb.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU ... Friday, 17th Feb.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

KASHIMA MARU ... Tuesday, 7th Feb.

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Further Sailings	Expected here on or about	Will leave homeward-bound on or about
M.S. "Australien"	14th February	20th March
M.S. "Asia"	27th February	5th April
M.S. "Africa"	28th March	30th April
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS LOW.

THROUGH CARGO NORMAL.

With only ten vessels arriving here during the 24 hours ended at 3 a.m. yesterday freight manifested for ports beyond the Colony remained normal, although lower than the previous day. Cargo for this port, however, was low.

There were 3,882 tons of general merchandise imported, of which only 1,739 tons were contributed by British steamers. The two best returns were from the s.s. *Prosper* from Saigon and the *President Pierce* from Seattle and Shanghai. The former carried 2,300 tons while the latter with 2,188 tons.

Through freights amounted to 16,845 tons of which 11,995 tons were carried by three British vessels. The best returns were shown by the British steamer s.s. *Kiddalore* from Bombay and Singapore, with 7,534 tons and the *President Pierce* from Seattle and Shanghai with 5,930 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	3	2
Chinese	1	3
Dutch	0	2
Japanese	1	4
French	0	1
Norwegian	1	1
Danish	1	0
American	1	0
Total	10	13

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Change, to-day.

Taipei, Mar. 9th.

Bank Line.

City of Benares, Feb. 19th.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 17th.

City of Durban, March 16th.

City of Dunkirk, Mar. 21st.

City of Dundee, April 4th.

City of Eastbourne, April 11th.

City of Carlisle, April 14th.

City of Rangoon, April 14th.

City of Birmingham, May 4th.

City of Chester, May 12th.

City of Liverpool, May 12th.

City of London, May 12th.

City of Manchester, May 12th.

City of Newcastle, May 12th.

City of Nottingham, May 12th.

City of Oxford, May 12th.

City of Plymouth, May 12th.

City of Reading, May 12th.

City of Southampton, May 12th.

City of St. Helier, May 12th.

City of St. John, May 12th.

City of St. Louis, May 12th.

City of St. Petersburg, May 12th.

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Blue Funnel Line.

Taipei, to-day.

Aeneas, Feb. 13th.

Autolycus, Feb. 20th.

Achilles, Feb. 20th.

Polyphemus, Feb. 20th.

Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.

Catulus, Mar. 5th.

Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.

Rheus, Mar. 18th.

Teiresias, Mar. 18th.

Tyndareus, Mar. 18th.

Menelaus, Mar. 22nd.

Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.

Automedon, April 1st.

Patroclus, April 1st.

Proteus, April 10th.

Phenias, April 11th.

Agamemnon, April 15th.

Laomedon, April 24th.

Orestes, April 29th.

Macanor, May 2nd.

Teucer, May 2nd.

Pylarchus, May 30th.

Glen Line.

Glenapp, Feb. 8th.

Glenclue, Feb. 29th.

Glenartney, March 5th.

Glenagarry, March 18th.

Glenatara, April 4th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and

Hugo Stinnes Linie.

Albert Voelger, to-day.

Saarland, Feb. 9th.

Havelland, Feb. 23th.

Paul Kirdorf, Feb. 23th.

Havelland, March 7th.

Scheer, Mar. 12th.

Carl Lepien, March 23rd.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tyitong, Feb. 13th.

Tyitarom, Feb. 13th.

Tyitarang, Feb. 13th.

Tyikembang, Feb. 20th.

Tyikanan, Feb. 20th.

Tyikanak, Feb. 27th.

Tyikabot, Feb. 27th.

Tyikaroc, March 1st.

Messageries Maritimes.

D'Artagnan, Feb. 14th.

Sphinx, Feb. 15th.

Yalou, Feb. 23th.

Portos, Feb. 23th.

Paul Leat, Mar. 14th.

D.P. Benoit, Mar. 24th.

Andre Lebon, Mar. 29th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Delagoa Maru, to-morrow.

Tatsuno Maru, Feb. 9th.

Tattori Maru, Feb. 11th.

Kono Maru, Feb. 10th.

Tanaka Maru, Feb. 10th.

Mishimi Maru, Feb. 12th.

Tango Maru, Feb. 16th.

Takanania Maru, Feb. 16th.

Morioka Maru, Feb. 17th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Angsburg, Feb. 10th.

Coblenz, Feb. 14th.

Oder, Feb. 29th.

Fulda, March 12th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Alipore, Feb. 10th.

Karnala, Feb. 12th.

Kashmir, Feb. 17th.

Kalnan, Feb. 24th.

Khyber, Feb. 17th.

Manana, March 1st.

Yaguar, March 1st.

Mongolia, Mar. 16th.

Inshore, March 18th.

Morica, Mar. 29th.

Jeypore, April 9th.

Kashgar, April 12th.

Malwa, April 26th.

Novara, May 7th.

Deranka, May 10th.

Macedonia, May 24th.

Nankin, June 4th.

Prince Line.

Chinese Prince, Feb. 21st.

Malayan Prince, Mar. 18th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.

Samatra, March 10th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT.

ENDANGERING OTHERS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Two Chinese coxswains, of the Japanese motor-boats *Shin Maru* and *Zem Paton Maru* respectively, were charged before Comdr. G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court yesterday morning with carrying dangerous goods and anchoring their craft other than the anchorage allotted for dangerous goods.

The former carried 1,380 tins of kerosene while the latter had on board 800 tins of kerosene.

The sergeant, in evidence, stated that both the craft in question were found moored between a number of big junks. The defendants pleaded guilty and said that they had put in for shelter.

His Worship pointed out that they had committed a serious offence and that they had endangered others by their action. Both defendants were fined \$100.00 or 2 months' imprisonment.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 464.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:

North Wall Basin, Ambrose: South Wall Basin, *Peterel*, *Gannet*, *Cicada*; East Wall Basin, S/M. L.5. *Tern*, *Actus*; North Arm, *Tiania*, S/M. L.1, L.2, L.3, L.7, L.8, L.

